

October 16, 2023

To the ACFC and Selectboard,

I would like to apply for appointment to the Andrews Community Forest Committee's open seat.

My hope in this position is to draw upon what I've learned in over 20 years working with Town committees and private conservation organizations. I served seven years on the Conservation Commission, including five years as chair. Since 2000 or thereabouts I've been on the board of the Richmond Land Trust, helping it conserve and manage many of Richmond's prime natural resource and outdoor recreational assets, such as Huntington River Gorge, Gillett Pond and the Beeken Rivershore Preserve and Trail.

Directly relevant to the Andrews Community Forest and the Committee's current tasks, in 2018 I applied for and was appointed to the Community Forest Steering Committee that developed the ACF's current Management Plan. This involved:

- Months of extensive community and direct stakeholder outreach and surveys,
- Study of the Town's obligations under the Town Plan, Conservation Easement and other documents, and
- Research into the forest's natural resources, ecological functions, recreational potential, and best practices for managing and safeguarding community forests.

Our team produced and won Selectboard approval for the current Management Plan within the deadline. The ACFC is now revising that Plan. We are fortunate to know much more about the ACF now than we did in 2018. I'm hoping I can be part of the update and help produce an even better Plan for the Forest and our community.

Having known Mary Jo, Everett and Jennifer Andrews; having walked the ACF with ecologists, biologists, botanists, ornithologists, foresters, educators and conservationists, as well as hunters, hikers, mountain bikers, birders, backcountry skiers and neighboring property owners; having studied Town policies, research papers and other material available to guide ACF's management; and having attended many ACFC meetings over the last two and a half years, I feel I can be of value in helping the Committee accomplish the full range of its tasks.

Respectfully submitted,

Bradford Elliott

Community Volunteer Application 2023

Application Form for Town Commissions, Boards and Committees

Please submit your application by using this form or email to dwardwell@richmondvt.gov.

Email *

bradge@comcast.net

First Name *

Bradford

Last Name *

Elliott

Phone Number *

802-434-3543

Name of Commission/Board/Committee *

Andrews Community Forest Committee

How many YEARS have you served on this Committee? *

None

If you serve on another Commission/Board/Committee, please indicate which one(s).

Interim ACF Management Committee; Richmond Conservation Commission

Review the scheduled meeting day/time of the Commission, Board, or Committee along with the length of the term of the position (<https://www.richmondvt.gov/boards-meetings/vacancies-committees-commissions>).

Will you be able to serve for the term of the position?

Yes

No

Are you a Richmond Resident? *

Yes

No

If you are applying for a new Term, then please introduce yourself to the Selectboard by providing a short cover letter detailing your background, training, and experience with the board/commission/committee you are applying for and/or resume. **Please upload a .pdf or .doc file**

 ACFC application...

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