

Memo to Richmond, Vermont Selectboard

From: Alison Lane Anand, 3103 Huntington Rd., Richmond, VT.

Re: Appointment to Richmond Conservation Commission

Date: April 11, 2023

Dear Members of the Richmond Selectboard:

This is a letter of application requesting appointment to the Richmond Conservation Commission. It has been my pleasure and interesting experience to serve the Town of Richmond as a member of the Planning Commission (1981-1990 and 2017 to the present), as well as the Conservation Commission from 1992 -2016.

Being a native Vermonter born in Montpelier, Richmond has been my home since 1968. I am a career educator, having taught in local area public schools, Trinity College, and the University of Vermont. Currently, I teach violin and piano at my Huntington Road music studio and own and operate Alison's Aquatic School.

I hold the degree M.S. In Natural Resources Planning from the University of Vermont. I helped to write Richmond's first Town Plan, which was a graduate research project of a colleague at the University of Vermont in 1981. In 2017, I worked on the subcommittee of the Planning Commissions which revised the Town Plan, leading to its passage by public vote in November of 2018. In the past four years on the Planning Commission, we have been working on revising the Zoning Ordinance.

Recently, I received a request from a former colleague to rejoin the Conservation Commission. As a result of many events in the past few years, we are now facing competing challenges in our community. In particular, we must recognize the need for more housing as well as the need to preserve open space and forests. I think that my experience and enthusiasm can be of service to Richmond, and I particularly want to work as a member of the Conservation Commission at this time. Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,



Alison Lane Anand

cc: Richmond Town Planner
Richmond Town Manager

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Email *

First Name *

Last Name *

Phone Number *

Name of Commission/Board/Committee *

How many YEARS have you served on this Committee? *

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

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

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May 9, 2023

Dear Richmond Selectboard,

I hope you're having a pleasant day! My name is Bob Galvin, and I am writing to request your consideration to be appointed to Richmond's Conservation Commission. I have a strong background in conservation biology and avian research, and have my M.S. in Biology and my B.S. in Marine Biology. I have conducted wildlife research in 7 U.S. states and have worked with a variety of state and federal agencies in that time. I currently work as the Vermont State Director for the nonprofits Animal Wellness Action & the Center for a Humane Economy educating & advocating for wildlife protection in our state. Recreationally, I enjoy bird watching, hiking, canoeing, and rock climbing, and am very often exploring Richmond's exceptional natural spaces & trails in my free time.

I found out about this commission from a current board member, who took the time to come out with me and help amphibians & reptiles cross the road during the particularly dangerous breeding season. After speaking with Kit Emory more about the Commission, it seemed like a perfect fit for me. After attending my first meeting tonight and speaking more with the current Commission Chair & other Commission members, I feel confident that I would both enjoy this experience and be able to provide helpful insight in these important discussions impacting our community.

I would love to use the knowledge & experience I've gained through years of work on conservation issues to our town. Having worked with a variety of stakeholders in my previous wildlife jobs, I feel I bring a diverse set of perspectives to the table that will benefit the people, animals, and ecosystems that call Richmond home. I would be honored and privileged to hold this position, and I'm very excited to be able to connect with more folks in town through working on the Conservation Commission. Richmond is a special place, and I will do the best that I can to make sure it continues to be that way for many years to come.

Thanks for your time, and please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Bob Galvin

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Bobgalvin777@gmail.com

267-337-2834

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Email *

ECWRIGHT1414@GMAIL.COM

First Name *

ELIZABETH

Last Name *

WRIGHT

Phone Number *

802-734-7034

Name of Commission/Board/Committee *

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

How many YEARS have you served on this Committee? *

8.5 YEARS

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

NA

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Elizabeth Wright ...

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May 8, 2023

Hello Richmond Select Board,

I am writing to express my interest in being reappointed to the Richmond Conservation Commission. In October of 2014 I was appointed for about six months to fill out the end of a vacated seat that expired in April of 2015. I was then appointed for 2 four-year terms, which I have now served. I wish to continue to remain on the Commission. I feel I have been a committed RCC member and have brought value to RCC through my service and support of our Chair and our committee work.

In 2017, on behalf of RCC, I served on the Richmond Town Forest Steering committee with Guy Roberts as one of the two RCC members of the large and diverse committee. I was chosen as one of the five people who made the final choices of the members of the Richmond Community Forest Management Committee. I went to all the RCC meetings that I could—only rarely missing them, and I play an active role in the committee conversations and efforts. I do my best to contribute to the RCC and support our excellent Chair, Judy Rosovsky and the other committee members by: being an active voice in our RCC meetings, reading the meeting minutes carefully and offering editing comments, editing other documents we write, volunteering for tasks like chairing a committee meeting in Judy's rare absence, posting RCC-related announcements on FPF and signs to deter over-harvest of fiddlehead ferns on town land, attending a state-wide conference of Vermont conservation commissions, serving as RCC's coordinator of Green Up Day alongside Linda Parent these past two years, and working on the 3-person subcommittee who planned the very successful speakers panel and discussion event in March 2023 called "Balancing Conservation and Trail-Based Recreation."

As I have shared in the past, I have an undergraduate degree with a joint major in geology and northern studies, and a M.S. in environmental studies. I worked for 23 1/2 years in the UVM Environmental Program as an undergraduate advisor and educator. I have long had a strong interest in land conservation, ecology and natural history. I very often am out hiking and appreciating the natural areas and trails in Richmond, and I am very interested in how decisions are made with the Conservation Reserve Fund, and in helping to maintain the natural and historical resources and values of Richmond.

I have enjoyed these eight and a half years on the board and wish to continue to serve the Commission and the town of Richmond. I consider it a privilege and an honor to serve the town on the Conservation Commission. I will do all I can to continue to serve it well and represent the town as best I can during a third full term. It feels good to take

part in the community in this way and to do what I can for the benefit of all Richmond's citizens, and the land, water and wildlife. I am very interested in helping to maintain Richmond's character and increasing public land availability for all.

Can you please add my name to the list to be presented to the Select Board for consideration for re-appointment to the Conservation Committee? Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Wright
101 Pleasant Street, Richmond, Vermont
ecwright1414@gmail.com
802-734-7034

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Email *

jmalone@gmavt.net

First Name *

Jeanette

Last Name *

Malone

Phone Number *

802-434-4394

Name of Commission/Board/Committee *

RCC

How many YEARS have you served on this Committee? *

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

Climate Action Committee

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RCC letter - Jean...

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To: The Richmond, VT Selectboard

From: Jeanette Malone, 778 Southview Dr., Richmond, VT

Re: Appointment to the Richmond Conservation Commission

Date: May 9, 2023

Dear Members of the Richmond Selectboard,

I'm writing to express my interest in joining the Richmond Conservation Commission. I have had the privilege of living in Richmond for close to 30 years, raising my 2 daughters here while offering a number of outdoor adventure, nature and creative arts programs for kids.

Additionally, I have directed a variety of community and environmental action projects including the following:

- An Earth Day event in town to restore trees in our park.
- Coaching teens to organize an annual winter clothing drive for New Americans as well as a community-wide native tree planting project with [350.Org](https://www.350.org) and a fund raising event for the Richmond Land Trust to help save Gillett pond.
- I have been a part of an amphibian crossing team in Huntington, spending several rainy night in March/April helping frogs and salamanders and collecting data for a statewide recording effort. I'm currently expanding this special project to Richmond.

As an avid runner, nordic skier and climber for most of my life, I am seeing first hand how nature is doing close to home and afar. My research and writing about special wild places to explore and protect in Northern Vermont inspires my interest in collaborating with others to safeguard and steward the natural resources for both humans and wildlife in our community. Having coached hundreds of groups of all ages and diverse backgrounds over the years to function at their best while working through challenging goals is a skill set I would bring to the RCC.

Thank you for your consideration!

Jeanette Malone
(She/Her)
Founder/Director
[Wildadventuresvt.org](https://www.wildadventuresvt.org)