

# 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](mailto:dwardwell@richmondvt.gov) or by placing a hard copy in the drop box outside the Town Office by April 12, 2023. Water & Sewer Commission applications are due June 1, 2023. Development Review Board (DRB) applications are due by May 10, 2023.

Email \*

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First Name \*

Caitlin

Last Name \*

Littlefield

Phone Number \*

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Name of Commission/Board/Committee \*

Tree Warden

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).

Andrews Community Forest

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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I am applying to serve as Richmond's Tree Warden. I feel that my professional expertise as well as my track record in protecting Richmond's trees and forests prepare me well for this position.

Specifically, I hold advanced degrees in conservation and forest ecology, have conducted fieldwork across the country, currently work as a Senior Scientist at a conservation research group, and am affiliated with the UVM forestry program. I am thus very well acquainted with the myriad issues facing our trees – in forests as well as in more developed settings – related to climatic changes and invasive pests and diseases.

I have spearheaded Richmond's response to the arrival of the Emerald Ash Borer, which entailed securing approximately \$40,000 (eg from Vermont's Urban and Community Forestry Program and Richmond's Conservation Reserve Fund), coordinating an inventory of Richmond's ash trees, engaging with a tree service provider to manage our ash trees (via treatment, removals, replanting), and conducting extensive outreach (eg designing and sending EAB postcards to every Richmond household). I have also supported the planting of hundreds of trees (and herding of dozens of middle schoolers armed with shovels) in Volunteer Green and have planted over two dozen trees behind my home to restore riparian habitat. In addition, I currently serve on the Andrews Community Forest Committee and am thereby well acquainted with the challenges and opportunities that come with managing a public natural resource.

I am very familiar with the duties and responsibilities of a municipal tree warden (and indeed have already carried many of them out) as detailed in [Vermont's Tree Warden Statutes and guidance](#).

Thank you for your consideration.

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