

Section of Draft Minutes from 11-27-23 ACFC Meeting

Application(s) to join the ACFC from Brad Elliott:

We have an application, as well as written comments from the public, motions by Richmond Conservation Commission and Richmond Trails Committee to consider with this application. Letters from the public regarding Brad's application can be viewed in the "packet" for this meeting on the town website. Ian reads process for considering applicants after the application process was addressed at the Selectboard joint meeting. All three committees can send recommendation for any application for the ones they think are acceptable to hold their seat. If it is only one candidate, they must send review. For Brad's application, Ian reads summary of Trails committee and Conservation Commission review of Brad - both can be viewed on the town website. RCC gave pros and cons for Brad, and Trails did not. Brad reads his statement he drafted. Committee members ask various question of Brad, and he answers in depth questions on a variety of topics, including his views on guiding documents for ACF and he addresses his views on ACF overall. Committee members are all familiar with Brad through his attendance at ACFC meetings and his advocacy work. Committee discusses the pros and cons presented in letters for and against Brad from the public, as well as their own support and concerns regarding Brad. Several members of the public attending the meeting speak in support of Brad's application, and several people address the negative letters sent regarding Brad. Cecelia makes a motion to recommend Brad to Selectboard, and Melissa seconds. Daniel calls the roll call vote: 1 no vote (Chase) and 4 yes (Daniel, Cecelia, Melissa, and Ian). Brad will be recommended to the Selectboard to fill a seat on the ACFC.