



# Richmond VERMONT

## TOWN OF RICHMOND VERMONT

### Application Form for Town Commissions, Boards and Committees

Please submit your application to: Volunteer Search, P.O. Box 285, Richmond, VT 05477, by email to [dwardwell@richmondvt.gov](mailto:dwardwell@richmondvt.gov) or by placing it 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.

**Please supply the following information:**

1) Review the scheduled meeting day/time of the Commission, Board, or Committee along with the length of the term of the position. Will you be able to regularly make the meetings? Y / N  
Will you be able to serve for the term of the position? Y / N

2) 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.

Name of Applicant: Ian Bender Date: 12/26/2023

Phone Number: 802 238 7269 Email Address: ianb@gmvista.com

Name of Commission/ Board/ Committee and term: Planning commission...term ending 2026

How many years have you served on this Committee? 0 Years

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

Richmond Resident: Y / N (circle one) YES

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Duncan Wardwell at 802-336-2092 or [dwardwell@richmondvt.gov](mailto:dwardwell@richmondvt.gov)

From: Ian Bender  
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Richmond, VT 05477

12/27/2023

To: Members of the Richmond Select Board

I would like to volunteer to fill the vacant seat on the planning commission which currently expires in 2026.

I think the planning commission should balance the need for responsible growth with the desire of residents to maintain the high quality of life we enjoy in Richmond. It is my opinion that the planning commission is doing this in a fair and balanced way, and that my perspective is consistent with that approach.

I have served on the DRB in the past, so I have a degree of familiarity with the zoning regulations and how they affect development, applicants, and neighbors. I also spent some time on the development of the last town plan revision.

I have thoroughly reviewed the minutes of the 2023 planning commission meetings and feel like I am up to speed on their current work.

Zoning changes and thoughtful planning can have a meaningful impact on Richmond residents. I think that I can make a positive contribution to that process and would appreciate the opportunity to do so.

If you have any questions for me, please feel free to reach out.

Regards, Ian Bender