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5. Name of Commission/Board/Committee *

Planning Commission

6. How many YEARS have you served on this Committee? *

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

Town Plan Steering Committee

8. 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/all-committee-board-members>). WILL YOU BE ABLE TO SERVE FOR THE TERM OF THE POSITION?

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☒ Yes

☐ No

9. Are you a RICHMOND RESIDENT? *

☒ Yes

☐ No

10. 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.

Richmond Selectboard
Town of Richmond
203 Bridge Street
Richmond, VT 05477

Re: Letter of Interest – Planning Commission Vacancy (Term Ending 2028)

Dear Members of the Selectboard,

I am writing to express my interest in being appointed to one of the vacant seats on the Richmond Planning Commission for the term ending in 2028.

Over the past 6 months, I have been actively involved as Vice Chair of the Town Plan Steering Committee, assisting with the 2026 Town Plan update. This experience has given me a strong understanding of Richmond's planning framework, state legislative requirements, and the ongoing collaboration between the Planning Commission, CCRPC, and local committees. I have enjoyed contributing to this process and would like to expand to support the town in a more formal capacity. It should be noted that I intend to continue to serve on the Steering Committee until the Town Plan process is complete, and the committee is dissolved.

I believe I can offer a balanced and thoughtful perspective to the Planning Commission. I am particularly interested in helping Richmond navigate the challenges and opportunities of new housing targets under Act 181 while also considering legislation in place to preserve Vermont's most precious resources. I think it is possible to maintain our town's environmental conservation goals and rural character if we take care to manage growth thoughtfully and responsibly. My approach to decision-making emphasizes research, collaboration, and careful evaluation before reaching conclusions, especially on matters that have long-term implications for our community.

I have greatly valued the opportunity to volunteer for Richmond and to work alongside others who are dedicated to fostering this community. Serving on the Planning Commission would be a natural continuation of that work and a chance to apply the knowledge and context I've gained through the Town Plan process.

Thank you for considering my application. I am available, should you wish to discuss my interest and qualifications further.

Sincerely,

Chelsye Brooks