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1. Please type your preferred EMAIL address *

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2. FIRST NAME *

Merrick

3. LAST NAME *

Gillies

4. Phone Number *

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5. Name of Commission/Board/Committee *

Water and Sewer Commission

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

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

No answer provided.

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? *

☒ 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.

Dear Richmond Selectboard Members,

I am writing to express my interest in serving on the Richmond Water and Sewer Commission.

My name is Merrick Gillies, and I just moved back to the Village of Richmond after living in West Bolton for the past five years. While in West Bolton, I served as Vice Chair of the Bolton Planning Commission and as a member at large on the Recreation Study Committee. Those roles gave me hands-on experience with local government decision-making and reinforced the importance of thoughtful planning and community engagement.

I graduated from the University of Vermont with a degree in Civil Engineering and began my career at Aldrich + Elliott, where I worked on municipal water, stormwater, and wastewater projects throughout Vermont. My work included water distribution systems, wastewater collection and treatment infrastructure, capital planning, permitting, funding programs, and construction support. That experience provided me with a strong foundation in the technical and practical challenges municipalities face in managing essential utility systems.

I currently work in the nonprofit outdoor recreation sector. While my professional focus has shifted, I remain strongly interested in municipal infrastructure and public service. Serving on the Water and Sewer Commission would be an opportunity to apply my engineering background and prior municipal experience in a way that directly supports my community.

I would be honored to contribute to the Commission's work and help support the long-term reliability and stewardship of Richmond's water and sewer systems. I appreciate your consideration and would welcome the opportunity to discuss my interest further.

Sincerely,
Merrick Gillies

View the Ethics Acknowledgement form and Ethics Training Video requirements at:

https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/General/boards-meetings/all-committee-board-members/CodeofEthics_Training_Acknowledgement.pdf

11. If appointed to a Committee:

I agree to sign the **Ethics Acknowledgement form** within 30 days of beginning service and annually between June 1 – August 31 *

☒ Yes

☐ No

12. If appointed to a Committee:

I agree to complete the **Ethics Training Video** within 120 days of the start of my position and every 3 years *

☒ Yes

☐ No