

To: Richmond Selectboard

From: Sam Pratt

Date: 09/22/2026

Re: Request to switch from RCC-designated seat to at-large seat on the Andrews Community Forest Committee

Members of the Selectboard,

I'm writing to request a change to my appointment on the Andrews Community Forest Committee (ACFC). I currently hold the seat designated for the Richmond Conservation Commission (RCC) representative, with a term running through May 2027. I also currently chair both the ACFC and the RCC.

Serving as both ACFC chair and the RCC's designated representative has made it difficult to fully separate the two roles. As chair of ACFC, I need to facilitate discussion and decisions in the interest of the ACF and the town as a whole, without also being expected to advocate specifically for RCC's position in every matter. I don't believe this creates a conflict of interest, but it has been an ongoing challenge in practice.

I'd like to request that the Selectboard appoint me to one of the ACFC's vacant at-large seats (with term ending 2029) in place of the RCC-designated seat. Per the ACFC bylaws, the RCC-designated seat would then need to be filled by a new RCC nomination, which the Commission would bring forward for the Selectboard's formal appointment at a future date.

I'd appreciate the chance to be added to an upcoming Selectboard agenda to discuss this, and to confirm what steps (if any beyond Selectboard action) are needed to make the switch. Happy to provide any additional information in the meantime.

Thank you,

Sam