



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 or by placing it in the drop box outside the Town Office by April 13, 2022. Water & Sewer Commission applications are due June 1, 2022. Development Review Board (DRB) applications are due by May 11, 2022.

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: Christopher Granda Date: 9/22/22

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Name of Commission/ Board/ Committee: ARPA committee

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

I currently serve on the Planning Commission and will resign that post if appointed to the ARPA committee

Richmond Resident: Y / N (circle one)

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Duncan Wardwell at 802-336-2092 or dwardwell@richmondvt.gov

Richmond Select Board
Town of Richmond

September 25, 2022

Dear Richmond Select Board,

Please consider my application for an open spot on the Town of Richmond ARPA committee. I am a former select board member, former water and sewer commissioner, current member of the Planning Commission and current member of the Richmond Climate Action Committee. If appointed to the ARPA committee I will step down from the Planning Commission.

I have been a resident of Richmond for 18 years and work from a home office as a Senior Fellow at Energy Solutions, an energy efficiency consultancy based in Oakland, California. I have worked in the energy efficiency policy and program implementation field since 1984 and am a nationally recognized expert in the engineering and economics of several energy efficient technologies. I am also partners with Jeff Forward in Vermont Independent Energy, a small business that helps Vermont towns acquire solar electricity systems.

The American Rescue Plan Act disbursement of \$1.2 million to Richmond provides a unique opportunity to address some long-term needs and desires in town. However, it is also challenging to figure out how to invest one-time funding in a way that it creates sustained benefits for the community and avoids generating ongoing costs. I endorse the guidance offered by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns in its Planning Framework for Maximum Impact and Best Use of Municipal ARPA funds:

1. Prioritize Good Governance
2. Leverage ARPA Aid
3. Invest in Best Uses for Long-Term Recovery

I helped with the September 10 ARPA committee ice cream social in Riverview Commons and am looking forward to the September 28 meet at CHMS. Through my past work on the Town Plan, I am experienced with community outreach and with compiling and vetting citizen ideas in Richmond. I have been attending forums on the Inflation Reduction Act funds as part of my job and I think there are multiple opportunities to use IRA incentives in concert with ARPA funds to save Richmond residents money. I am generally familiar with Richmond's current infrastructure maintenance needs.

I have an undergraduate degree in engineering and a master's degree in public policy. I am proficient in project budgeting, cost forecasting, and cost-benefit analysis.

Thank you for your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,



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