

Town of Charlotte

Application for Committee/Commission/Board Appointment

For Appointment by the Selectboard

1. All applicants for Town Commissions/Committees/Boards must be residents of the Town of Charlotte.
2. Applications can be submitted at the Town offices or e-mailed to townadmin@townofcharlotte.com with "Committee Application (Last Name)" as the subject line.
3. Applicants should select the "talent bank" box below if there are no vacant seats on a committee/commission/board, but you wish to be considered should a vacancy arise. Talent bank applications will be retained for the remainder of the calendar year.

Appointment Type (check one):

New Appointment Re-appointment Talent Bank

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What committee/commission are you applying for (please fill out one application for each committee/commission/board to which you are applying): Trails Committee

1) Are you currently serving, or have you ever served, on any town committee/commission/board? If so, please list the committee/commission/board and the approximate dates you served: No.

2) Why are you interested in serving on this committee/commission/board? _____

I was one of the roomful of people who stood up at this year's Town Meeting and indicated that I am a trail user (I thought that was a very telling moment when about 90% of the room stood up). I use the Town Link Trail daily to walk my dog, as well as other trails periodically, and I am invested. I have pitched in on one of the work days last fall to repair the storm damage near my house, and I've done brush trimming on other work days.

I see the inherent value in trails beyond just the recreation aspect. They are an alternative, non-motorized mode of transportation and connection that ties different parts of the town together, and may even someday connect to other neighboring towns and their trail systems. The fact that my family has a trail virtually out our back door was a major factor in why we bought the land and built our house where we did. Despite what some people might think, it is a valuable town asset, an economic development tool, and a major quality of life factor for many people, and I want to help maintain it and improve it.

3) What skills, credentials and experiences would you bring to this committee/commission/board?

At my day job I'm a registered architect and project manager with Dore + Whittier Architects, and I mainly work on public buildings: schools, public safety, and the occasional library. I've been managing the ongoing work at Charlotte Central School, for example. I have a lot of experience with land development, site design, and planning. I have access to some good graphics programs and can make graphically clear maps and diagrams for discussions with landowners or the public. I am pretty handy with the Vermont GIS mapping website. I do PowerPoint presentations all the time, I have a lot of experience with public boards and commissions in my work, and I take good notes and minutes.

4) Have you attended at least one meeting of the committee/commission/board you are applying for?

- Yes
- No

5) If appointed, do you agree to take part in any ethics/conflicts-of interest training(s) that may be required?

- Yes
- No

6) If appointed, do you agree to attend scheduled meetings and will inform the Chairperson in a timely manner if you are not able to attend?

- Yes
- No

7) If you are not appointed, do you wish to remain in the Town's "talent bank" for future consideration by the Selectboard, if there is a vacancy during this calendar year?

- Yes
- No

8) Please include any other information that you feel is relevant to your application in the space below:

I have been looking for a way to serve and give back to the Town in some way for while now. As my son has gotten older and more self-reliant, this has freed up more time in my schedule. I'd be happy to help out if I can.