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Buffalo Mountain Town Forest Steering Committee Member

Members of the Buffalo Mountain Town Forest Steering Committee serve in an advisory role to assist the Select Board with community engagement and development of the Management Plan for the Town Forest.

Expectations:

- Participate in meetings to focus on planning for sustainability and the overall public good by regular attendance at meetings and review materials when possible.
- Ability to engage respectfully through discussion and collaboration.
- Representation of community interests and consider a range of community perspectives.
- Help to ensure information is shared openly and Vermont's Open Meeting Law is followed.
- Develop recommendations while recognizing the Select Board retains decision authority.

Purpose of the Committee:

Town or community forests are municipally owned forests that provide long-term public benefits such as recreation, wildlife habitat protection, sustainable forestry, water quality protection, education opportunities, and community connection to the landscape.

The Buffalo Mountain Town Forest Steering Committee will assist the Select Board in developing a Management Plan for the Buffalo Mountain Town Forest. The committee will facilitate community engagement, review information about the property, and develop recommendations related to stewardship and long-term management. Recommendations developed by the committee will be forwarded to the Hardwick Select Board for consideration. Final authority regarding management of the forest remains with the Hardwick Select Board, within the parameters of the conservation easement.

Appointment Process:

In making appointments, the Select Board will consider a variety of factors including:

- representation from relevant town committees
 - interest in forestry, conservation, recreation, or education
 - ability to work collaboratively in a committee setting
 - representation of a range of community perspectives
 - availability to participate in meetings and planning activities
- The Select Board may also appoint liaisons or representatives from relevant Town committees such as the Planning Commission or Conservation Commission. Appointments will be made during a publicly warned Select Board meeting in accordance with Vermont Open Meeting Law. The Select Board retains authority to adjust committee membership over time as needed to support the work of the committee.

To apply to be appointed as a Steering Committee Member please submit a letter (or email) including the following information to the Town Managers' Office

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Are you a Hardwick resident?

Why are you interested in serving on the Buffalo Mountain Town Forest Steering Committee?

Relevant experience or interests (examples: forestry, trails, wildlife habitat, recreation, education, conservation, community engagement):

Are you able to attend periodic evening meetings?

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Additional comments: