

Agreement Between John Ethan Tapper

Vermont Licensed Forester 148.0122047

and the Town of Richmond, Chittenden County, Vermont

John Ethan Tapper, the Chittenden County Forester for the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, hereinafter called "FORESTER," agrees to assist in the implementation and administration of forest management at the Andrews Community Forest (ACF), owned by the Town of Richmond, hereinafter called TOWN.

The term of this agreement will be from June 1, 2020 – December 31, 2021; until the timber sale contract is completed; or until this agreement is ended by either party, whichever comes first. This agreement may be extended by mutual consent of both parties. FORESTER and TOWN reserve the right to cancel this contract at any time.

The role of FORESTER will be:

- To mark trees to be cut on the ACF in accordance with the forest management plan as approved by the Richmond Selectboard on 11/18/19 and to supervise the harvest of these marked trees;
- To assist the TOWN in the selection of a qualified and skilled logger for the forest management;
- To mark the location of skid trails to be used by logging equipment, including stream crossings;
- To advise the TOWN's contracted logger and TOWN on adherence to requirements articulated in their timber sale contract, which will be agreed upon by the TOWN and their contracted logger;
- To supervise the TOWN's contracted logger's work at the ACF to ensure compliance to the above-referenced contract;
- To support the town in interpreting mill slips to ensure that marked timber is being paid for in accordance with contracted rates.
- To supervise the restoration of logging roads and trails to Vermont AMP standards following the completion of the job;
- To conduct an open and inclusive outreach campaign around this forest management work.

The logger contracted to complete the timber sale on the ACF will be chosen by agreement of the TOWN and FORESTER, and need not be the logger who submits the highest bid for the marked timber.

Though the FORESTER will provide support, it will be the responsibility of the TOWN to do any accounting related to timber sale expenses or revenues and to collect and process timber revenue.

The TOWN will pay for the cost of tree marking materials – tree marking paint and flagging tape – which will be reimbursed to FORESTER with the presentation of receipts for these materials from the budget of the Richmond Town Forest Committee. These materials will not exceed a cost of \$750.00 throughout the duration of this contract. All labor will be completed by FORESTER at no cost to the TOWN.

J. Ethan Tapper

Date

Town of Richmond

Date