

My name is Bruce Douglas, and I am running for re-election to the three-year seat on the Fletcher Selectboard. I have had the honor of serving on the Fletcher Selectboard for a one-year term, which has been a very constructive and positive experience. I want to thank the rest of the Selectboard for helping me learn the ropes. I also want to thank all of the other Town officials and Town employees who work day in and day out to carry out vital Town services.

I have lived in Fletcher at 2688 Kinsley Road since 1992. Professionally, I have a total of approximately thirty-nine years of experience, where I have been involved in research, planning, design, construction, regulatory and operational aspects of private and public infrastructure projects. I have been fortunate to work with: individual business owners; community members; stakeholder groups; developers; and local, state and federal governments. Within that experience, are eleven years working for the State of Vermont's Department of Environmental Conservation, where I currently work remotely from my home office in Fletcher. I have also served as one of Fletcher's Commissioners on the Northwest Regional Planning Commission.

During my time on the Selectboard, I have been involved in a wide range of projects and have been wearing the many hats of a small town Selectboard member. One project that I have focused on is how to best spend the \$400,000 in total funding that the Town will receive from the American Rescue Plan Act. There are many complex federal requirements that need to be met for the use of these funds. Be that as it may, this is an unprecedented one-time opportunity for Fletcher. Therefore, since I have professional experience in the development of federally funded municipal projects, I am very eager to continue on the Selectboard, and to work with the community as we collectively determine how to use these funds in the best interest of the Town.

I offer balanced and thoughtful decision-making with a commitment to the Town of Fletcher, its people, its businesses, its productive working landscape of farmland and forest, and the Town infrastructure that connects us. I will continue to carry out the role of Selectboard member with respect for those who live, work and visit here. In short, I want to apply my business and government experience to continue to help our community navigate these challenging times.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or want to discuss any Town issues that are important to you. My email address is bruce-sb@fletchervt.net and my cell phone number is 802-999-6797.