



## **Bull Creek Common Lands is Looking for a Few New Board Members**

It's exciting times in the land conservation space! With planning underway to implement Vermont's Act 59, the Community Resilience and Biodiversity Protection Law, that signs on to the global initiative to conserve 30% of land by 2030 and 50% by 2050, it's a great time to get involved on a community scale to protect the land you love and have a climate-positive impact.

Founded in 2021, Bull Creek Common Lands' first project was the Raymond Bemis Community Forest in Athens, which opened to the public in August 2023. We are now expanding our board and looking for people of diverse backgrounds who would like to work with us to protect our local lands for public use, biodiversity, climate resilience, carbon storage and their innate, undeveloped value. With a mission to conserve land in and adjacent to the Bull Creek and Grassy Brook watersheds, we cover the towns of Athens, Brookline, Townshend, Grafton, Newfane, Rockingham, and Westminster. We have several focuses to our work: new conservation projects, community outreach and fundraising, outdoor programming, trails and land management, and core organizational functions. BCCL is also collaborating with three other southern Vermont conservation organizations to build capacity across all of Windham County.

We are currently an all volunteer organization with a working board. New board members might possess many of the following interests, abilities and capacity:

- Community and environment focused
- A proactive, entrepreneurial mindset
- Interest to actively work to grow a new organization
- Experience with business start ups, nonprofit boards, strategic planning, budgeting, admin, fundraising, grant writing, community outreach, etc., etc...
- Personal connection with the land (e.g. hiking, naturalist activities, land management or other in-the-woods experience)
- Desire to engage in conversations around conservation, land use, community needs, climate resilience and ecology
- Social and professional connections that can help grow our fundraising base
- Professional communication skills and digital literacy
- Availability for 4-5 hour time investment a month, including one virtual or in person board meeting, and additional work as needed for projects and training opportunities

We'd love to hear what you'd like to contribute and what you'd like to learn! If this opportunity sounds like something you'd like to discuss further, please email Hannah at [hello@bullcreekcommonlands.org](mailto:hello@bullcreekcommonlands.org) to introduce yourself and make a plan to meet with current board members for a walk or cup of tea.