

***Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative School District
School Administrative Unit #63***

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TO: The WLC School Board
FROM: Peter Weaver
DATE: May 22, 2023
RE: Nomination for WLC Middle School Science Teacher

Please accept this as the nomination of Ben Thyng as Middle School Science Teacher for WLC. Mr. Thyng has been working since January 2023 as a Long-term Substitute Science Teacher for Hollis Brookline Middle School. Mr. Thyng has a Bachelor of Science in Wildlife & Conservation Biology. He has served as an Environmental Technician and Biological Intern for the United States Fish & Wildlife Service and a Coastal Waterbird Research Technician and Turtle Research Technician for Mass Audubon. His reference letters say that he never shies away from an opportunity to help a colleague or support the school community and that he has shown his passion for both helping students as well as bettering himself as an educator.

There were two applicants for this position. The budgeted salary for this position is \$48,500. I recommend a motion to appoint Ben Thyng as a Middle School Science Teacher at WLC at a salary of \$38,000, Bachelors, Step 1.

Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative School District provides a safe and educational environment that promotes student exploration, critical thinking and responsible citizenship.

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Ben Thyng

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Education

University of New Hampshire

Durham, NH, New Hampshire

Bachelor of Science

Major: Wildlife & Conservation Biology

Credit Hours: 128

Attended January 2019 to May 2022

Degree conferred May 2022

Experience

Hollis Brookline Middle School

Jan 2023 - Present

Long-term Substitute Science Teacher

Hollis, NH

I teach five 8th-grade science classes focused on various aspects of the earth sciences with topics so far including plate tectonics, volcanoes, topography, seismology, engineering, and geologic history. I also teach a "SKILLS" class where I help to mentor students in developing a strong work ethic and other academic skills.

Supervisor: Patrick West (603-324-5997)

Experience Type: Public School, Full-time

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United States Fish & Wildlife Service

Jan 2022 - Jan 2023

Environmental Technician

Wells, ME

- Conduct surveys for various wildlife/plant species
- Coordinate and lead the Refuge's acoustic bat monitoring efforts
- Monitor nesting piping plovers and other threatened shorebirds
- Manage for early successional/shrubland habitat
- Survey vernal pools
- Manage and survey for invasive plant species
- Enter and organize data into various databases
- Create maps using ArcGIS Pro, summarize data, and write reports

Reason for leaving: Temporary Position

Supervisor: Ryan Kleinert (207-646-9226)

Experience Type: Professional/Work, Full-time

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United States Fish & Wildlife Service

Jun 2021 - Aug 2021

Biological Intern

Sudbury, MA

- Used ArcGIS Field Maps to perform standardized surveys for over 30 invasive plant species at Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge
- Managed invasive plant species by hand-pulling and other mechanical methods of removal
- Performed Blanding's turtle and spotted turtle trapping and nesting surveys
- Helped to control and discourage beaver damming activity around culverts

Reason for leaving: Temporary Position**Supervisor:** Steph Koch (907-500-2608)**Experience Type:** Professional/Work, Full-timeIt is **OK** to contact this employer

Mass Audubon

May 2020 - Sep 2020

Coastal Waterbird Research Technician

Wellfleet, MA

- Collected biological data on nesting, foraging, and migrating species of coastal waterbirds including abundance and distribution of target species
- Executed the wildlife protection and education objectives of the Coastal Waterbird Program.
- Assisted with sanctuary-based coastal waterbird work throughout the region
- Entered abundance, productivity, and behavioral data into online databases; created Google Earth maps of coastal resources
- Assisted in the compilation of data for state plover, tern, and oystercatcher census forms and wrote summary reports for specific sites on results and management activities

Reason for leaving: Temporary Position**Supervisor:** Mark Faherty (508-349-2615 x-6110)**Experience Type:** Professional/Work, Full-timeIt is **OK** to contact this employer

Mass Audubon

May 2019 - Aug 2019

Turtle Research Technician

Wellfleet, MA

- Performed systematic mark-recapture and visual head-count surveys for a graduate student's research on the population ecology of diamondback terrapins in Wellfleet Bay.
- Utilized a standardized dipnet survey method to capture diamondback terrapins, collected morphological and other biological data, and marked individual terrapins with PIT tags.
- Used binoculars and range finders to conduct visual head-count surveys at over 30 set locations around Wellfleet Harbor.
- Entered all data collected into Microsoft Access, Excel, and Google Sheet databases and conducted database management.

Reason for leaving: Temporary Position