

## **Bio for Rich Shapiro**

Rich Shapiro is originally from Brooklyn, NY, though he hasn't lived there since graduating high school. He received his Bachelor of Engineering degree in 1973 and Master of Science in 1975, both from Stevens Institute of Technology. He met his wife, Lindy Ellis, at Stevens and they have been together ever since.

They came up to this area for cross country skiing for 24 years, before buying a house here in Saranac Lake in 2005, moving here permanently in 2009. Rich moved his tandem bicycle business to Saranac Lake at that time.

Since moving here, he has been active in many aspects of the community. He was on the board of the Saranac Lake Area Chamber of Commerce and was president 2015-2016. He was on the County of Franklin Solid Waste Authority for three years. Rich is one of the members of the Saranac Lake SkatePark Committee who built the skatepark after many, many years of persistence against resistance. He is the village's representative to the Stakeholders Group for the Adirondack Rail Trail, and a member of the Parks and Trails Advisory Board.

After attending Village Board meetings for several years as an observer and commenter, he is now in his fourth year as a Village Trustee.