



Good Beginnings
of Central Vermont

December 20, 2013

Ms. Valerie Capels
Town Administrator
9 Bridge St
Waitsfield, VT 05673

Dear Ms. Capels,

We are requesting that our Good Beginnings of Central Vermont be included in the Waitsfield Town Warning for the 2014 Annual Meeting for the amount of \$300.00. Wording for this warning might be as follows:

Good Beginnings of Central Vermont is a prevention-based, free home visiting service extended to all families regardless of income. We have been serving central VT families for more than 22 years. Our volunteers are mothers of all ages who provide support to parents of birth and adopted infants during the critical first 3+ months following birth. Volunteers encourage and educate families to bond and carry their infant, have books in the home and read to babies and children, and have and fatherhood mentors. This year, our volunteers have provided approximately 1,650 hours of home visits at an in-kind value of more than \$21,000.00. In addition, volunteers spent 154 hours of meeting time with staff for enrichment on health updates and other issues. Our funding comes solely from grants and fund-raising, so we are grateful to voters for their support of our efforts to meet the immediate and long-term needs of families.

Our very best,

Alison Lamagna
Executive Director