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To: The Waitsfield Selectboard
From: Martha Englert, Deputy Director, Downstreet Housing & Trust
Re: Request for inclusion of Downstreet on the Waitsfield Town Warning

Downstreet, formerly the Central Vermont Community Land Trust, requests to be included on the Town Warning for support of \$1,000 from the Town of Waitsfield. This amount is the same that we have requested from Waitsfield, and received, for the last several years.

We request this support due to our long commitment to Waitsfield, where we have the 29-lot Vermont Mobile Home Park, the 24-unit Mad River Meadows and the 18-unit Evergreen Place.

At Mad River Meadows and Evergreen Place, we continue to expand the Support and Services at Home program called SASH, which improves health care outcomes in the elderly and the disabled by getting participants the support they need to live longer in their homes.

On the homeownership side, Downstreet this past year assisted seven Waitsfield families with homebuyer education and/or post-purchase counseling, foreclosure counseling and low-interest loans for health, safety and energy upgrades to homes.

As a community-based nonprofit, we need to generate support from the towns we serve, as well as from individuals and area businesses. Further, our private and public sector funders ask us to demonstrate that we are seeking – and receiving – community support for our efforts. In this way, funding approval from the towns we serve demonstrates that the citizenry recognizes and supports our commitment to sound community development.

We would be grateful for a commitment from Waitsfield during this coming year.

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