PEOPLE'S HEALTH & WELLNESS CLINIC

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TOWN OF WAITSFIELD

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen of the Select Board,

On behalf of our staff, volunteers and patients, I thank the community members of the Town of Waitsfield for approving continued support for the People's Health & Wellness Clinic at the 2016 March Town Meeting.

Please consider this letter our request of the Town of Waitsfield to place the People's Health & Wellness Clinic on the 2017 Town Meeting agenda to request funding in the amount of \$500.00, the same amount we have requested for a number of years.

The Mission of the People's Health & Wellness Clinic is to provide primary health care and wellness education to uninsured and under insured central Vermont residents who could not otherwise afford these services. While patients must have household income at or below 400% of the Federal Poverty Level, 86% of our patients are below 185% FPL. This equates to a gross annual income for \$21,774 for an individual; \$29,470 for a couple.

In addition to medical visits, we assist with lab referrals and diagnostic testing costs, provide free pharmaceuticals, and assist with enrollment in health programs such as Vermont Health Connect, Ladies First, prescription drug assistance programs, and smoking cessation and diabetes education classes. Over 60 volunteers of both traditional and alternative medicine provided their clinical services free of charge.

The Clinic is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm as well as evening clinics Mondays and Thursdays and day clinics on Tuesdays or Wednesdays. Patients are seen by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, please call 479-1229.

Thank you for continuing to support the efforts of the People's Health & Wellness Clinic. We will send an annual report upon the completion of our fiscal year.

Sincerely,

Peter D. Youngbaer, Executive Director

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