Agenda Item IV.3

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July 17, 2018

Ms. Valerie Capels, Town Administrator Town of Bristol One South Street P.O. Box 249 Bristol, VT 05443-0249

RE: Turn the Towns Teal

Dear Ms. Capels,

It is that time of year when I am once again reaching out to the Town of Bristol in the hope that you will authorize our organization to *Turn Bristol Teal* for Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month in September. Volunteers are ready to get started making our teal bows and getting the word out!

The organization is seeing results from these efforts. In fact, so many volunteers signed up to teal their towns last year that there were not enough supplies to meet the demand! A little closer to home, this ovarian cancer awareness event has directly impacted one of our volunteers. She recognized symptoms listed in our literature, sought treatment, and was diagnosed with ovarian cancer. She has been in treatment for almost two years and is grateful for the information she received due to this effort. We get stopped on the street while hanging the ribbons and thanked by community members whose story typically involves the loss of a loved one to ovarian cancer. We get phone calls thanking us for caring. We get offers of donations, (which we cannot accept).

If the Town of Bristol is willing to participate this year, please complete the attached authorization form and return it via email to <u>JOEMEL5@gmavt.net</u> or fax it to 802-329-2093.

If you need more information or have any questions, please feel free to contact me by phone at 802-238-6157 or email at JOEMEL5@gmavt.net.

Thank you for your time and consideration and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Melody Danaher, Volunteer

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Dear Administrator:

Turn The Towns Teal (?) is a national campaign to create awareness of ovarian cancer and its symptoms which are often subtle. The campaign consists of volunteers tying ribbons (which are biodegradable & made in the USA!) primarily in town centers and providing stores, health clubs, spas, libraries, etc. with symptom cards and information pertaining to ovarian cancer. We do this in September, which is National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month. This will be our 12th successful year. We've had representation in all 50 states, and last year we had over 500 registrants throughout the United States as well as in Canada and Bermuda. To see our campaign at work, please visit our website (?) www.turnthetownsteal.org.

Ovarian cancer is often referred to as **"The Silent Disease"**. There is **NO** early detection test for ovarian cancer which is why we NEED women and men(!) to be aware of the known symptoms and risk factors If detected in the early stages, the survival rate for ovarian cancer is 90 to 95%, which is why this awareness campaign is so very, very critical.

I am asking you to grant permission for our volunteers to tie ribbons in the center of your town. If a shopping center is involved, we will, of course ask permission of the center's owner. For more impact we have lawn signs (similar to political signs) stating that September is Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month. The ribbon & sign campaign will begin on or about September 1st and your town volunteer (and/or group) will be removing the materials on or about September 30.

Thanks to the support of towns & cities like yours, we KNOW for a fact that women's lives ARE being saved through this campaign! If you have an additional moment, please see the Testimonials on our website.

Your signature on the bottom of this letter will indicate your permission for our campaign. <u>Kindly</u> return the signed letter back to the volunteer whose name and contact information is below. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email us at info@turnthetownsteal.org.

Most sincerely,

Jane MacNeil President

MAYOR/TOWN OFFICIAL

TOWN/STATE

Please return the signed letter to the volunteer listed below. She/he is responsible for the campaign in your town.

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