

Bristol Town Administrator

From: Wells, Thomas <TWells@wellslaw.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 29, 2020 2:34 PM
To: Bristol Town Administrator; Tom Wells
Subject: RE: Unified Development Rags

Hi Valerie---

Thanks for the regs. Hope you had a nice Christmas holiday.

I am interested in being considered for service on the DRB. In support of my application I would submit my 8 years of service on the Bristol PB, including almost 4 as Chair. I also am recently retired from a career as a land use and real estate attorney. Short bio is attached below. Carol and I are 25 year Bristol residents. More recently we are dividing our time between our Camp in Shoreham and Bristol and we spend time away in the winter as well so I would understand if the Selectboard may want to consider me a non-resident member on the board should I be invited to join same.

Happy New Year,
Tom

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Tom Wells is the founding partner of Wells, Jaworski & Liebman LLP (www.wellslaw.com), a prestigious 35 year old Paramus, New Jersey-based commercial and corporate law firm. He recently took "of counsel" status and has substantially limited the extent of his practice. Wells concentrated his practice in real estate, land use, business, commercial, and non-profit areas and has represented a who's who of distinguished clients. In addition to the law firm, Tom Wells is the Managing Partner of Wells Mountain LLC, a real estate development and management firm with properties principally in the state of Vermont, including five restorations of historic buildings into modern, successful commercial properties and a nine room "inn" called Bristol Suites. Tom is also a "banker," having served ten years on the Board of Directors of Cascade Bancorp, a Bend, Oregon-based bank holding company and several years ago joined the Board of Beach Bank in Tampa, Florida. Wells is a graduate of Bucknell University, and Case Western Reserve School of Law.

Wells also enjoys numerous philanthropic and civic involvements, including over 30 years of active participation in both Rotary International and the YMCA, principally as an Officer, Director and Trustee of the Ridgewood, New Jersey YMCA and, in recent years, as a non-Haitian member of the Board of Directors for YMCA d'Haiti. Tom is also enjoying working with the children and friends of his long-time friend and client David Bolger in establishing and growing the Bolger Foundation.

Wells' principal philanthropic activity is as the Founder and Chairman of the Board of the Wells Mountain Initiative (www.wellsmountaininitiative.org) which he began 15 years ago. "WMI" is a 501(c)(3) qualified charity that assists young people in the developing world by providing education, training and network assistance. At last count, WMI has over 480 student and graduate Scholars in 41 countries (up from just one in 2005). WMI is also particularly active in Haiti where we spearheaded the construction and development of five Container YMCA Community Centers built from former shipping containers utilizing a unique award-winning design.

Tom Wells presently divides his time between homes in St. Thomas, U.S. V.I., and Bristol, Vermont. He has been married for 48 years to Carol Vitz Wells and is the proud father of daughters Ciera, Jordyn and Carlyn and grandfather to Max and Etta.

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From: Bristol Town Administrator <townadmin@bristolvt.org>
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Hi Tom,

Thank you for checking in and for your interest in the UDR! See the attached doc. We are awaiting a finalized copy from the ACRPC we can post to the Web site as the final, adopted version; otherwise, it's been on the Web site in the hearing notices section.

Yes, in addition to this new Development Review Board, there is still a current vacancy on the Planning Commission, and possibly others if one or more PC members get appointed to the new DRB. If you are interested in serving on either of these boards, please send some form of communication (note, letter, e-mail) conveying your interest and why you are interested on serving.

I hope you, Carol, and your families and friends have been well,

--Valerie

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Hi Valerie-- Is there somewhere I can get a copy of the new regs? I see you are looking for PB members. Are you also looking for members for the new board? Hope all is well with you. Merry Christmas! Tom
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