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To: Ms. Valerie Capels
Bristol Town Administrator
PO Box 249
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Re: Bristol Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Dear Valerie,

I am writing to submit my name and volunteer my service on the newly formed committee referenced above. As a resident of Bristol presently living on the corner of Spring and North Streets (the school crossing) I have been concerned about traffic flow, speed and the safety of walkers and cyclists in the village for some time, and participated in Richard Butz's petition last year. I have contacted Chief Nason directly on several occasions, the most recent of which resulted in him posting the speed cart near the school crossing to collect data. I am grateful for his efforts and eagerness to respond to my concerns.

The Select Board establishing this committee is a welcome response to the concern expressed over time by many residents and I am hopeful that it can have an impact on increasing safety with regards to traffic flow, foot traffic and cycling in the village. After hearing Jessica Teet's presentation at the last Select Board meeting I am encouraged that the board and others within the village are ready to make changes that reflect those concerns. I was grateful for the opportunity to voice my concerns there as well.

My background is in education, having worked for more than a decade as a one on one paraeducator in many area schools, usually with the most challenging students. I served on the Orwell Village School Board as a member and chair between 2006-2009, delivering budget presentations at Town Meeting among other public duties involved with the position, before moving to Bristol. I also served as Cubmaster for the Orwell Scouts while my own kids were of age. So, public service is important to me and I am eager to participate with the folks of Bristol in this important endeavor. I hope you will consider me for membership on the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best regards,

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