

Media correspondence — Michael Donoghue, Vermont News First

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1. Received — Monday, August 17, 2026, 3:24 PM

From: Michael Donoghue <mdonoghue@smcvt.edu>

To: Ian Albinson

Ian,

Thanks for taking the time to talk about the news story I am planning to write concerning the Lord's Prayer Rock in Bristol.

Please send all letters received and any reports, memos, messages or other records sent or received concerning the issue. (If necessary, please consider this a request under Vermont's Public Records Law, which requires a prompt sharing.)

Also any other items that will help tell the story.

Thanks

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2. Sent — Monday, August 17, 2026, 4:22 PM, cc Town Administrator

From: Ian Albinson <ialbinson.sb.bristolvt@gmail.com>

To: mdonoghue@smcvt.edu

Mike,

To expand on what I briefly mentioned on the phone, in July a resident raised concerns at a Selectboard meeting about how close Lord's Prayer Rock sits to the traveled road. In early August the Town received a letter from another resident raising several objections and asking that the rock be removed. That letter was included in the Selectboard's August 10 packet as correspondence received.

The Selectboard has taken no action on either matter. There is no proposal before the Selectboard to alter, move, or remove Lord's Prayer Rock, and nothing is scheduled.

Since then the Town has received a number of letters and emails, most of them in support of leaving the rock as it is. All correspondence is logged and provided to the full Selectboard, and all of it is a public record.

Residents who wish to be heard can write to the Town or speak during Public Forum at any Selectboard meeting.

In addition:

- See attached for details on the Lord's Prayer Rock discussion the Town has received.
- Related materials for the July 13 and August 10 Selectboard meetings can be found here: <https://bristolvt.org/2026-meetings/>

Regards,
Ian

Five attachments produced: correspondence from Aube (two items), D'Avignon, Major and Hewitt.

Transcript prepared August 21, 2026 from the Selectboard Chair's email. Messages reproduced verbatim. Signature blocks and quoted reply text repeated in the original have been collapsed for readability; no message has been omitted. Prepared for the August 24, 2026 Selectboard packet.