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September 21, 2019

Valerie Capels

Town Administrator
Town of Bristol
1 South St.
Bristol, VT 05443

To Valerie Capels and the Bristol Selectboard,

My name is Ian Albinson, and I wish to be strongly considered for the recently vacated Selectboard position.

I've lived for over ten years in Bristol, in a home just a short walk from Main Street. I am the Executive Director of the local downtown group Bristol CORE and run a motion design business with my wife, Raedia. We also have two young boys who will one day participate in the Bristol school system.

Bristol is special. My family cares about its future and I want to further serve our town as a Selectboard member.

I ran for the Selectboard this past March, for the current open position, and received 402 votes, just 11 shy of winning the seat. I received strong support for my campaign from a wide range of Bristol residents, including three former Selectboard members, and members of Bristol's Planning, Conservation, and Energy commissions and committees.

Working with Bristol CORE, I've organized, fundraised, and facilitated large-scale events for the area like the *Pocock Rocks Music Festival & Street Fair*, *Chocolate Walk*, and the *Lumen Celebration of Fire & Light*. I have also created new events like *Reel Film Fridays* at the Lawrence Memorial Library. Other projects include the Town Green lighting and entryway beautification, the updated children's playground, and the annual Main Street flower baskets. In all this work, I've built relationships with our current businesses and residents.

I've also worked closely with the Town of Bristol as a former Chair of the Energy Committee, and am currently a liaison for the Main Street Lighting & Sidewalk Improvements project scheduled for 2020. I am up-to-date on town affairs and am ready to hit the ground running.

I have a clear history of focusing on service to our Bristol community. I hope to deepen my commitment as a Selectboard member, honoring a long tradition of independent thought and community dialogue. I see my role as a Selectboard member as someone who listens, cares about the community and shows initiative.

Bristol is a vibrant and dynamic community and I am proud to be a member of it. I admire the ingenuity of the residents and business owners who work to make this a prosperous and safe place to live. I am committed to increasing the social and economic vitality of Bristol.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "IAN ALBINSON". The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive, with the first name "IAN" being more prominent and the last name "ALBINSON" following in a similar style.

Ian Albinson

Bristol Town Administrator

From: Betsy Almeter <betsyalmeter@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 22, 2019 7:19 PM
To: Bristol Town Administrator
Subject: Re: Ian Albinson

Dear Ms. Capels,

I have had the opportunity to interact with Ian Albinson a number of times, and have found him to be a good listener, very articulate, open-minded, willing to consider all points of view, and a creative problem-solver.

I believe these qualities would make him a valuable Selectboard Member.

Thank you.

Betsy Almeter
30 Pine St.
Bristol, VT

Bristol Town Administrator

From: Linda Andrews <andrewslinda954@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 21, 2019 11:03 PM
To: Bristol Town Administrator
Cc: Ian Albinson
Subject: Ian albinson

Dear Valerie, I would like the select board to know that I believe Ian Albinson would be a great addition to the select board. He understands the business needs of the community and will strive to keep Bristol the place in which we all want to live. Best Linda Andrews

Bristol Town Administrator

From: Lee Beckwith <leebeckwith@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2019 9:49 AM
To: Bristol Town Administrator

Hi Valerie,

Just writing into express my support for Ian to fill the open select board seat. Sincerely, Lee Beckwith

Bristol Town Administrator

From: Bruz Brown <bruz.brown@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2019 8:25 PM
To: Bristol Town Administrator
Cc: Bruz Brown
Subject: Replacement for Ted Lylis

Dear Valerie,

I am writing to lend my voice to the debate on Ted's replacement. I hope the Selectboard will appoint Ian Albinson to fill this opening. I believe it is clear that many residents feel positively about Ian as shown by his defeat by the narrowest of margins in the last election. I am confident he will serve our community well.

Thank you in advance for considering Ian.

Best regards,

Lynn H (Bruz) Brown
54 Mountain Terrace, Bristol
802-279-5537

Dear Valerie, Joel, Peeker, Michelle and Peter,

I'm writing regarding appointment of a new select board member. I'm grateful for all the work you do to keep Bristol safe and functioning well. It's a huge job and I appreciate your expertise and willingness.

I feel that Ian Albinson would be a good compliment to the mix with his close connection to businesses and downtown vitality. His votes for selectboard member last year show that many residents respect him and would like him to serve. His voice would help balance the board and offer valuable perspectives. Life is becoming more complicated. Diverse talents and views are critical for building resilience in our changing times. Please consider appointing Ian to the select board.

Thank you,
Sally Burrell

Dear Members of the Selectboard and Ms. Capels,

Ted Lylis has been a dedicated member of the Selectboard and a valuable part of our community. In his last campaign, he retained his seat on the Selectboard thanks to the votes of 413 Bristol residents. In that election, his opponent, Ian Albinson received 402 votes. With nearly equivalent vote tallies, it is clear that Bristol was in the fortunate position of having two qualified and well-supported candidates willing to serve. As such, when we recently learned of Ted's planned departure from the Selectboard, we were comforted by the fact that the results of the past election provide a clear roadmap to appointing his successor. Through the support of a similar proportion of Bristol residents as Ted received, it is clear that appointing Ian Albinson serves the democratic process and the voices of a minimum of the 402 Bristol residents who signaled their support last spring.

Ian's actions have continually demonstrated his commitment to improving the lives of families and businesses in Bristol. By spending countless hours connecting prospective businesses with downtown property owners and organizing events like Lumen, Pocock Rocks, and Chocolate Walk, Ian helps ensure that our local community has a thriving downtown. Not only does this provide access to goods and services for the community (and attract tourist dollars), the extensive property taxes paid by businesses drawn to Bristol help lower the tax burden for each and every resident.

Ian is also committed to enriching our community by creating and personally running free events year-round such as open play at Holley Hall for young families and free movie nights at the Lawrence Memorial Library. As if these formal commitments weren't enough, you can find Ian sitting in on selectboard meetings, or perhaps you'll see him on Main Street watering flower baskets, hanging Christmas lights and wreaths, emptying the garbage cans on the town green before large events, or countless other small tasks just to make sure Bristol looks its best.

We unequivocally believe that appointing Ian Albinson to the Selectboard is the right thing to do and will result in the greatest good for the town of Bristol.

Carolyn and Michael Dash

84 Fred Johnson

Bristol, VT 05443

Bristol Town Administrator

From: Valerie Dearing <valeriedearing@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 8:38 AM
To: Bristol Town Administrator
Subject: Ian Albinson for Selectboard!

Dear Valerie,

I am happy to urge you to support Ian Albinson for the Selectboard vacancy. He is such a great representative for Bristol- for all people here- young & older, rural & urban. The reason I like him so much is that he asks good questions & listens well! He really loves our town & has boundless energy to help make great events happen in Bristol. His work on Bristol CORE & the Energy Committee is a prime example. He was only a few votes away from being elected a few months ago and I feel he is very well supported already. It just makes sense to appoint Ian to the Selectboard!

Very truly yours,
Valerie Dearing

Bristol Town Administrator

From: Pete Diminico <diminico@gmavt.net>
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2019 9:46 AM
To: Bristol Town Administrator
Subject: sb appointment

Hi Val, just wanted to urge you and the Bristol SB to consider Ian for selection and replacement for Ted Lylis's position on the Bristol SB. As you know, Ian lost in the most recent election by 6 votes and is the obvious choice. I have no doubt Ian will do a fabulous job! His dedication to the community of Bristol has been STELLAR for many years.

pete diminico

past pres. (14) New Haven River Anglers
inaugural 3 years conservation plate grants review committee
coordinator for the Univ. Fish. Platform @ Eagle Park on the NHRiver.
Middlebury River Task Force(re: post Irene restorative work)
New Haven River Watch founder(1993), Board member ACRW

Bristol Town Administrator

From: Bob Donnis <rdonnis@gmavt.net>
Sent: Friday, September 27, 2019 12:44 PM
To: Bristol Town Administrator
Subject: Ian for Selectboard

Hello, Valarie!

I think Ian Albinson would be a great addition to the Selectboard. He has done a lot for Bristol - CORE, events, Energy Committee, and more.

By just a few votes, he lost to Ted Lylis in the last election. So, he has very strong support from Bristol residents.

I urge the Board to accept his application.

Thank you!!
Bob Donnis

Bristol Town Administrator

From: John Elder <elder2348@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2019 11:34 AM
To: Bristol Town Administrator
Subject: Ian Albinson

To the Select Board:

I'm writing to say that Rita and I hope you appoint Ian Albinson to the opening on the Board left by Ted Lylis's resignation. Because Ian has been an extremely involved and constructive member of the community, as well as because the recent election between Ted and him was such a close one, your decision to have him join the Board now would be warmly welcomed by many residents of our town.

Sincerely,
John Elder

Bristol Town Administrator

From: Rita Elder <elderita@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2019 11:48 AM
To: Bristol Town Administrator
Subject: new appointment

Hi, Valerie,

Please pass on to the Select Board my recommendation that they appoint Ian Albinson to replace Ted Lylis. He lost by only a few votes and is well qualified and willing to do the job.

Thanks,

Rita Elder

Bristol Town Administrator

From: Fogg, Pamela C. <pfogg@middlebury.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2019 10:21 AM
To: Bristol Town Administrator
Subject: Ian for SB

Dear Bristol Selectboard,

I would like to offer a letter of support for the appointment of Ian Albinson to fill the open select board position. Seeing as he lost the recent election by only a few votes it makes total sense that he fill this vacancy.

Best,

Pamela Fogg
49 Mountain Street

Bristol Town Administrator

From: Ali Gibson <spiffyalibaba@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2019 11:21 AM
To: Bristol Town Administrator
Subject: Support for Ian Albinson

Hi Valerie,

This is a letter of support for Ian Albinson as a potential select board member. It has come to my attention that there is a position available, and I want to share with you how highly I think of him. In my 6 years living in Bristol and raising my son here, I have been very impressed with his dedication to this town, and pleased with how he helps to make it a welcoming, thriving community. As a board member of the BES PTO (Friends of BES) and previous school board member, as well as a local business owner, I feel he would make a wonderful addition to the select board. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Happy Fall!

Ali Gibson

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Ali Gibson

www.alidawsongibson.com

Bristol Town Administrator

From: Sara Granstrom <saramichaela@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 28, 2019 7:57 PM
To: Bristol Town Administrator
Subject: Support for Ian Albinson for selectboard

Hello Valerie,

I write to support Ian Albinson for the upcoming selectboard appointment. Given his widespread support demonstrated in the last election, he's clearly favored by many voters in the town. He's dedicated to Bristol, and he'd do a wonderful job in the role.

Thank you,

Sara Granstrom

Bristol Town Administrator

From: megan greenleaf <megaroo10@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2019 3:13 PM
To: Bristol Town Administrator
Subject: Support for Ian Albinson

Hello Valerie and the current Members of the Selectboard,

I am writing to express my strong support for Ian Albinson in hopes that he will fill the recently vacated seat on the Selectboard.

In addition to the near-tie in this last election, Ian has proven himself to be a stellar choice for this position. He has continually demonstrated his dedication, an open mind for hearing many points of view, & an approachability that is so important for a position in which one represents a community.

I fully appreciate his positive and forward-thinking mindset, which is vital for our small town to thrive in the coming years. As a father to young children, he also represents a large part of our community that are invested in their (our) children's future here in Bristol.

Please consider Ian Albinson as the best candidate to fill the position on the Selectboard. I certainly do.

Thank you,
Megan Greenleaf

Bristol Town Administrator

From: Vanessa Nigro <vali2012@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 21, 2019 9:14 PM
To: Bristol Town Administrator
Subject: Ian albinson

I would be very happy to see Ian Albinson elected for selectboard. I think he is a very forward thinker and could do great things for our town.

Best,
Vanessa Halby
Bristol resident

Bristol Town Administrator

From: Sue Hawkins <sue.h.hawkins@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 22, 2019 5:14 PM
To: Bristol Town Administrator; Joel Bouvier; pcoffey@gmavt.net; John "Peeker" Heffernan; Michelle Perlee
Subject: Ian Albinson for the open position on selectboard

Greetings to the Bristol Selectboard,

I understand that there is now an open position on the Selectboard and I hope that you will appoint Ian Albinson to it.

Ian works effectively with many people, organizations and businesses to support Bristol as a vibrant and FUN town. As Bristol CORE Director, Ian is the mover-and-shaker behind many of the events that make Bristol a great place to live. In addition to his "official" projects, I know that he has hosted a Friday night movie series at the Lawrence Memorial Library and is working to procure an AV system (projector-screen-speaker) so that the Library can be even more of a hub for community gatherings than it already is.

Ian is informed, thorough, and he gets things done. Speaking as a former member of the Bristol Energy Committee (BEC) here - Ian was a newly appointed member to the committee in 2017 when, ironically, we members had rather run out of energy to function. I was duly impressed with Ian's ability to catch up on previous energy projects since 2007 and, with a newly appointed board, to lead the BEC to a once-again functioning and objective entity on energy issues that are important to all of us in Bristol.

While the gas pipeline is a "done deal" (at least temporarily), it was certainly a complicated and sadly divisive issue for Bristol. I was not wholly on one side or the other, and I appreciated Ian's viewpoint that various town committees and the general public needed to be engaged in the fact-finding and decision-making process.

I expect Ian will be hard-working, thorough and thoughtful in working together with the Selectboard and that he will diligently represent all citizens of Bristol.

Thank you – Sue Hawkins

Bristol Town Administrator

From: Patty Heather-Lea <pattyheatherlea@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2019 10:12 AM
To: Bristol Town Administrator
Subject: Consider Ian Albinson

September 23, 2019,
the first day of Autumn.

Dear Valerie and Selectboard members,

Please consider Ian Albinson to become part of the Bristol Selectboard.
I think that Ian's experience with the Bristol Core is an added plus
that shows his involvement with our community.

Ian Albinson can fill the role of a public servant.

Sincerely, Patty Heather-Lea

Bristol Town Administrator

From: Skimmer Hellier <skimmer@starkmountain.com>
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2019 11:38 AM
To: Bristol Town Administrator
Subject: Select Board vacancy

Hi Valerie,

Just a quick note in support of appointing Ian Albinson to the recently vacated Select board seat. Always in the best interest of the community to have a Select board that represents the broadest swath of the population.

Thanks SKimmer

Skimmer Hellier
Stark Mountain Woodworking
359 South ST
New Haven, Vermont 05472
802 453 5549 x1

Bristol Town Administrator

From: thejenningsgroup@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, September 29, 2019 6:15 PM
To: Bristol Town Administrator
Subject: I support Ian Albinson for the Selectboard

Dear Valerie,

I am writing to request that you convey my support for Ian Albinson to the Selectboard when they vote to replace Ted Lylis.

The Selectboard does a great job running the Town, and I believe Ian would be an excellent addition to the Board. His professionalism, organization and creativity are all qualities that we need on the Board, and I urge them to support him. Given that Ian received essentially 50% of the vote in the last election, it is clear the voters approve of him, and to appoint anyone else would be going against the will of the voters in my opinion.

Thanks for all you and the Board do for Bristol.

Sincerely,

Howard Jennings

Howard Jennings
34 Sprout Street
Bristol, VT 05443
571-214-2974

September 25, 2019

Town of Bristol Select Board
Holley Hall
Bristol, VT 05443

Dear Chairman Bouvier and members of the Bristol Select Board,

As you consider appointing a new Select Board member to fill the current vacancy I urge you to consider Ian Albinson as the logical candidate for this service. Ian has devoted time and attention to the work of our town government and, as you know, has even run for this position, having lost by only a few votes this past March. To me this illustrates Ian's commitment to serving on the Select Board as well as Town voters' interest in seeing that happen. Because of his active participation in Bristol, Ian will be able to hit the ground running following the appointment I hope you will make at your upcoming meeting. Having myself served on several Town committees (Conservation Commission, Energy Committee and nine years as Planning Commission member, three as chair) I know full well the time, attention, energy and dedication your role requires. Ian is up for the job.

Please appoint Ian Albinson to the vacant Select Board position.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Susan Kavanagh
40 Maple Street
Bristol, VT 05443

cc: Ms. Valerie Capels, Town Administrator

Bristol Town Administrator

From: bikingmelanie . <bikingmelanie@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2019 9:51 PM
To: Bristol Town Administrator
Subject: I suppot Ian Albinson to take the vacated seat for Bristol's selectboard

Thanks! Melanie Kessler

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Living Tree Alliance Program coordinator
www.livingtreealliance.com

Bristol Town Administrator

From: Porter Knight <knight@gmavt.net>
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2019 9:28 PM
To: Bristol Town Administrator
Subject: selectboard position

Hi Valerie,

I am writing to support the appointment of Ian Albinson to the Selectboard to fill the seat vacated by Ted Lylis.

He'll serve the town well.

Porter Knight

Bristol Town Administrator

From: Taryn Levy <taryntwilliams@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2019 9:16 PM
To: Bristol Town Administrator
Subject: Selectboard Position

Dear Valerie,

I wish to email you regarding my support for Ian Albinson for the Selectboard seat that has recently become available.

I believe that Ian is honest, hardworking and has the best interest of the town at heart. He has proven his dedication to our town and is uniquely prepared to step right into this position.

Please consider Ian for the Selectboard.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Taryn Levy
14 Maple St
Bristol, VT 05443

Bristol Town Administrator

From: Elizabeth Lewis <elizabethsarahlewis@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 21, 2019 3:46 PM
To: Bristol Town Administrator
Subject: Ian Albinson

Valerie,

I wanted to express my endorsement of Ian Albinson for the vacant position on select board that has recently opened. Ian is a wonderful friend and asset to our community, always lending a hand whether large or small with a dedication to constantly make Bristol better. I don't know of anyone who would better fit this role.

Best,
Elizabeth

Bristol Town Administrator

From: Matlakwauhtli Mayforth <mkmayforth@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2019 5:56 PM
To: Bristol Town Administrator
Subject: Ian for Select Board....

Hi Valerie,

A quick note to make my voice heard, to encourage the Select Board to have Ian slide into Ted's seat!

Thank you!

Matlak

Bristol Town Administrator

From: Gillian McGarvey <gillian.mcgarvey@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2019 9:23 AM
To: Bristol Town Administrator
Subject: Ian Albinson

Hi Valerie,

I think Ian Albinson would be a great choice to fill Ted Lylis's seat. I'm writing to give him my support.

Thank you,

Gillian McGarvey
Homeowner and longtime Bristol resident at 62 Maple St

Bristol Town Administrator

From: Peter Morrow Meyer <pkmeyer@gmavt.net>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2019 11:41 AM
To: Bristol Town Administrator
Cc: joelbouvier@yahoo.com; pcoffey@gmavt.net; peeker@gmavt.net; bdysense@comcast.net
Subject: Ian Albinson for vacant Select Board seat

Dear Chairman Bouvier and members of the Bristol Select Board,

I am writing to ask you to consider Ian Albinson for the vacant seat on the Bristol Select Board. Ian would be an excellent and well qualified member who will contribute to and represent the community in a very positive way. Ian has been a dedicated advocate for Bristol for many years having worked diligently with the Bristol CORE group and Bristol Energy Committee along with many other volunteer efforts for the Village. He is young, intelligent, energetic and has a young family in Bristol so he is committed to our village for the long haul. Also, as you know, he recently put a lot of time, energy and effort into the last election losing by only a handful of votes.

I believe Ian would be the perfect candidate and I encourage you to affirm his appointment to the vacant Select Board position.

Thank You,

Sincerely,

Peter Morrow Meyer
Katie Raycroft-Meyer

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Bristol Town Administrator

From: Christopher Pepe <christopher.a.pepe@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2019 4:03 PM
To: Bristol Town Administrator
Subject: Selectboard Position

Hello Valerie,

When we moved back to Vermont four years ago Ian Albinson was amongst the first people to welcome us to town. I have found his work with CORE to benefit us personally, and admire his dedication to Bristol's present and future. Given how close the election was for the now vacant position I think that Ian would make an excellent choice for the Selectboard. Thank you, Christopher Pepe

Bristol Town Administrator

From: tom pollak <tom@tealcity.com>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2019 8:12 AM
To: Bristol Town Administrator
Subject: select board

As a resident of the village of Bristol Vt. I support, and would like to see Ian Albinson appointed as our new select board member. Thanks for passing this on to the board.

Tom

Love as much as you can - be twice as happy

tom pollak
tom@tealcity.com

Bristol Town Administrator

From: Krista Siringo <ksiringo@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2019 12:23 PM
To: Bristol Town Administrator
Subject: Ian Albinson for Selectboard

Hi, Valerie.

I'm writing to offer my support for Ian for the vacancy in the Selectboard left by Ted Lylis. Ian ran against Ted in March and lost by a slim margin. He is an active and contributing member of our community with a lot of energy to put toward this work. He is the parent of two young children so he is investing in the long term health of our town. I support his candidacy and hope you will consider appointing him.

Best,

Krista Siringo

Bristol Town Administrator

From: Sarah Stott <sstott@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, September 29, 2019 10:15 PM
To: joelbouvier@yahoo.com; pcoffey@gmavt.net; peeker@gmavt.net; bdysense@comcast.net
Cc: Bristol Town Administrator
Subject: Support for Ian Albinson for Selectboard

Dear Selectboard members:

I strongly support your appointment of Ian Albinson to the Bristol Selectboard. I have worked with Ian in his capacity as director of Bristol Core and he is a thoughtful, conscientious individual. He cares about Bristol and has lots of ideas for helping the town.

Considering he lost the March election by only 11 votes, there are many people in the town that think is the right person for the job. It would be prudent for you to appoint someone with this kind of support.

Thank you for your consideration,
Sincerely,
Sarah Stott

34 Sprout St.
Bristol, VT 054434

Bristol Town Administrator

From: Jenny Telling <jennytelling@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2019 10:26 AM
To: Bristol Town Administrator
Subject: Ian Albinson

Dear Valerie,

Ian gets our vote!

He has worked hard and done much good in Bristol and I'm confident that he will serve thoughtfully, if appointed.

Thank you,

Jenny Telling

Sent from my iPad

Bristol Town Administrator

From: Chris Urban <curban@huusd.org>
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2019 7:50 PM
To: Bristol Town Administrator
Subject: Ian Albinson for Selectboard

Hi Valerie,

I would like to add my support to Ian Albinson as a replacement for Ted Lyllis. I am sure you are aware of his personal integrity and commitment to Bristol's wellbeing. He listens to all with open ears and makes measured decisions. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thank you,
Chris Urban

Bristol Town Administrator

From: Anne Wallace <aw48@gmavt.net>
Sent: Saturday, September 21, 2019 3:29 PM
To: Bristol Town Administrator
Subject: Ian Albinson

Hi Valerie - just a note to say I think Ian is a really good candidate for the vacancy on the select board. I think he is a good listener, fair minded, and energetic. He has my support.

Anne

Bristol Town Administrator

From: Carol Wells <carolwells@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2019 3:15 PM
To: Bristol Town Administrator
Subject: letter

Hello Valerie,

Hope you had a nice vacation. Below is a copy of a letter I emailed to all the Selectboard members. I will drop off hard copies today, too, or just put them in their mailboxes.

Thanks,
Carol

October 3, 2020

Dear Joel, Peter, Michelle, and Peeker,

I support your appointment of Ian Albinson to the vacant seat on the Bristol Selectboard. Since I served on the board for six years, I know what it takes to be an informed, productive and effective member of the Selectboard. Knowing Ian for almost nine years and serving with him on a variety of boards and committees, I had the opportunity to see him in action. I feel I am in a unique position to offer an opinion because I know the demands of being on the Selectboard and the strengths and character of Ian.

I feel he would be an excellent addition to the Selectboard for the following reasons:

1. He has worked hard for the town and has proven his commitment to community service and civic duty by serving on the Design Review and Energy Committees, and being a board member and later the Executive Director of BDCP/Bristol CORE. He was instrumental in bringing the Preservation/Downtown state conference to Bristol and continues to organize Pocock Rocks. Both showcase Bristol and bring visitors to town, which help the downtown businesses.
2. Due to his involvement with BDCP/CORE, he has knowledge and understanding (on a state and local level) of the needs of the downtown, which I feel is very important and not currently represented on the Board. Quite a bit of the property tax revenue comes from the downtown, so it is important, for many reasons, to be tuned into what is needed to keep the downtown healthy and vibrant.
3. He has attended more Selectboard meetings than most any other non-member citizen (except maybe Jimmy Q.!) He did so because he was interested in running and wanted to be sure he understood what is expected and to determine whether or not he felt he could contribute. Because of this, he is more up to speed than anyone else you could appoint due to his attendance over the past couple years. It also exemplifies how he approaches a problem or a project. He does research, he asks questions and he gets informed before making a decision.
4. He is from a younger generation not currently represented on the Selectboard. I think it is wonderful to have someone from his generation interested in getting involved in the Selectboard. He will represent a segment of the town's population who do not now have representation on the Board. His appointment will speak volumes to young families and others in his generation.
5. He will bring a different perspective to the table, due to his background, civic experience and age. Different perspectives are not to be avoided, but encouraged. When I was on the Board, we did not all have the same opinions, which was good, because it sparked debate and discussion and we were all more informed by the process.
6. The people of Bristol have already, basically, elected Ian. In my 23 years living in Bristol, I do not remember a Selectboard election that was ever as close as the one in 2019. He lost by only 11 votes! This is another

reason to appoint Ian, not only because of the large number of votes he received, but also because he put in the effort to run for office, be interviewed, have folks say untrue things on Front Porch Forum, etc. He didn't "think" about running, he ran. After being defeated, many candidates throw in the towel and never run again. Not Ian! Days after the election he was already committed to running in 2020.

Rarely has the choice for such an appointment been so clear, so obvious. Thank you for your time.

Best regards,

Carol

Bristol Town Administrator

From: Robert Wilkey <wilkey679@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2019 6:46 PM
To: Bristol Town Administrator
Subject: Vacated seat

Hi Valerie

I find that Ian Albinson is a good choice for the select board position open by Ted Lylis's vacancy. Although I don't know the reason why Ted vacated his seat, I've had the pleasure of getting to know and working with Ted these last few years on the 4th of July Committee and I'm sure you all will miss his passion, hard work, sense of humor and dedication to the people of our great town. That being said I've also seen Ian's commitment to this town and hope he can continue his hard work and dedication moving forward, whether that be on the select board or on the other great activities and community groups in this town, preferably both.

Thanks

Robert Wilkey

Sent from my iPhone

Bristol Town Administrator

From: Catherine Willson <ccover@gmavt.net>
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2019 8:10 AM
To: Bristol Town Administrator
Subject: Ian for Selectman

Valerie,
Just a shout of support for Ian!
Catherine Willson
33 Church Street

Sent from my iPhone

Bristol Town Administrator

From: Wendy Wilson <wendy802wilson@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2019 10:01 AM
To: Bristol Town Administrator
Cc: bdysense@comcast.net; peeker@gmavt.net; pcoffey@gmavt.net; joelbouvier@yahoo.com
Subject: Support for Ian Albinson

Greetings - I'm writing to encourage you to appoint Ian Albinson to fill the recent vacancy on the Bristol Selectboard. It's clear from the March 2019 election results that Ian has broad support throughout our community. He's smart, dedicated and an excellent communicator. Ian will make an excellent addition to the board as he can offer a different perspective on many issues that will help the board better represent the full spectrum of residents in our community.

Thank you for your service and consideration!

Wendy Wilson
28 Pine Street

Bristol Town Administrator

From: Lisa Winkler <ljwink@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2019 10:21 AM
To: Bristol Town Administrator; joelbouvier@yahoo.com; pcoffey@gmavt.net; peeker@gmavt.net; Michelle Perlee
Subject: Support for Ian Albinson

Dear Bristol Selectboard members,

I am writing to express my support for Ian Albinson to be appointed to fill the vacant Selectboard seat. Ian has been an active and committed Bristol community leader who has contributed to this town in myriad ways. Ian has devoted himself to understanding and addressing the needs of our community and the long-term vitality of our town. His bid for the Selectboard seat, now vacant, came up 11 votes short this past spring. He ran a good campaign, he committed himself to the process, and he is now willing and able to serve out a newly vacated term. Please appoint Ian Albinson to the Selectboard on Oct 7th.

Please enter this email correspondence into the town record.

Thank you,
Lisa Winkler
19 Pine St
Bristol, VT 05443

Bristol Town Administrator

From: Sarah Wylie <greenmountainrose@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 1, 2019 4:15 PM
To: Bristol Town Administrator
Subject: Ian for Selectboard

Hello
I an interested in supporting Ian for the newly opened position

Sarah wylie

Bristol Town Administrator

From: Mary Yates <myates65@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2019 12:48 PM
To: Bristol Town Administrator
Cc: Ian Albinson
Subject: Ian Albinson for Bristol Selectboard

Hi Valerie,

I firmly support the appointment of Ian Albinson to the Bristol Selectboard. I voted for him at the last election, and I would vote for him again. It was such a close election between Ian & Ted Lyliss, it makes sense that Ian fill the empty spot I think he has proven his commitment to the Town of Bristol with his work with Bristol CORE.

thank you,

Mary

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A man on foot, on horseback or on a bicycle will see more, feel more, enjoy more in one mile than the motorized tourists can in a hundred miles.

Edward Abbey, Desert Solitaire