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Valerie Capels

Town Administrator
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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', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

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