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Charlotte Selectboard
Town of Charlotte
159 Ferry Rd
Charlotte, VT 05445

Dear Selectboard Members,

I am writing to express my interest in filling the vacant seat on the Planning Commission. As a long-time resident of Charlotte and someone deeply invested in the future development of our town, I am eager to contribute my experience and insights to this important role.

I bring with me three years of experience serving on the Development Review Board, where I worked closely with applicants, residents, and fellow members to ensure that proposed projects aligned with the town's regulations and vision. Prior to that, I served on the Zoning Board of Adjustment for one year, gaining a solid understanding of Charlotte's zoning laws and processes. These roles have provided me with a strong foundation in land use planning, community engagement, and decision-making in the public interest.

I am particularly drawn to the opportunity to serve on the Planning Commission because of its critical role in shaping Charlotte's future. I believe that thoughtful planning and collaboration are essential to balancing growth with the preservation of our town's character and natural resources. Applying my experience with the Land Use Regulations to the task of the required revisions to complete the Village Planning project, as well as regular updates for continual improvement. My professional background in life sciences, combined with my experience in regulatory and strategic roles, equips me to analyze complex information and contribute to policy development with a balanced perspective.

Thank you for considering my application. I would welcome the opportunity to bring my dedication and experience to the Planning Commission and to work alongside the Selectboard and community members in this capacity. Please feel free to contact me if you require further information or would like to schedule an interview.

Sincerely,

John-David Herlihy