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Jesse Kreitzer

Chair

Marlboro Select Board

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Dear Chairman Kreitzer,

Thank you for your interest in working with VCRD to advance priorities in the Town of Marlboro. Marlboro is a place close to our hearts ever since the Community Visit process that took place over 10 years ago. We appreciate your leadership and the hard work that you and the Select Board do to advance the well being of the community in challenging times.

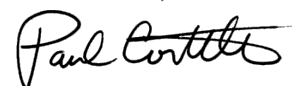
Your August letter and our ongoing attention to the situation only deepens our interest in and support for the Marlboro community.

Unfortunately, however, the Covid-19 pandemic has set crisis conditions for communities throughout Vermont. VCRD has been convening Covid Response community groups since March, and leading Governor Scott's Community Support and Local Action Team efforts, including statewide county forums, since April. We have commitments today to 6 communities that we have not been able to fully meet and look forward to providing direct community engagement facilitation in the year ahead.

We are struggling to meet current responsibilities and cannot commit to significant convening efforts in Marlboro in the near term. We also recognize that many of the conditions in the community are in process and VCRD services may be as useful or even more so in future. I look forward to staying in touch with you and the Select Board and to committing time and energy to a process for Marlboro when possible and at a time that can optimize its benefits to the town and its citizens.

Thank you so much for your leadership. These are challenging times, and we have the greatest respect for people like you, and your Select Board colleagues, who are on the front line for their communities. Better times are coming. VCRD will stay in touch and reach out to you in December and keep Marlboro at the top of the page as we look to scheduling work into the new year.

All the best,



Paul Costello
Executive Director