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*TOWN-VILLAGE MANAGER GOVERNMENT*

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Dear members of the Economic Development Commission,

On behalf of the Town Selectboard and Village Trustees, we share our sincere appreciation for your dedication and service to the community. Since the organization's establishment, the members of the Economic Development Commission (EDC) have played a critical role in boosting the economic and cultural vitality of Woodstock for residents, visitors, and merchants alike.

You have consistently demonstrated thoughtfulness and creativity in your design and implementation of economic development initiatives. The EDC has been intentional in its approach, building on Woodstock's strengths while responding to the ever-evolving needs of the town. Focusing on affordable housing, childcare, marketing, downtown beautification, and community events has yielded tangible and meaningful results.

Several of the EDC's most impactful initiatives involved the creation of grant funding opportunities to support what defines Woodstock: events like Wassail Weekend and Pride of Woodstock, and amenities such as mountain bike trails and village flower baskets. Studies were also commissioned to analyze residents' most pressing concerns, such as increased housing options and growth of small businesses. Their work culminated in a visionary and action-oriented document, *Our Woodstock, Our Future*, that other local leaders continue to reference today.

Additionally, the EDC prioritized direct engagement with the residents they served, in a variety of circumstances. In response to a longstanding need of local families, financial support was given to increase capacity at childcare facilities. The EDC was also able to address unfamiliar needs that emerged during the COVID-19 pandemic, supporting businesses and their workers, as well as investing in outdoor public spaces. Forward-thinking incentive programs were used to expand housing rental units and support business startups, addressing related problems simultaneously.

The Woodstock Economic Development Commission was an active and engaged body whose commitment cannot be overstated. We thank you for helping lay a strong foundation for Woodstock's vibrant and resilient future and hope that each of you will continue to stay involved in municipal affairs as these goals and objectives move forward.

With gratitude,

Town of Woodstock Selectboard

Village of Woodstock Board of Trustees