

2012 VPA AWARDS

NOMINATION FORM

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Description
or Checklist

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Please submit a copy of this form and attachments by **July 6, 2012**. Nominations should be sent electronically to: Tara Bamford at tebamford@aol.com (subject - VPA Awards).

*I hereby nominate Route 22A Corridor Study for a 2012 VPA Planning Award. This submission is for (Please check **ONE** of the following categories)*

Citizen Planner Citizen Board Professional Planner Plan of the Year Project of the Year

Section A: Please submit the following items electronically.

- 2012 VPA Award Nomination Form for **Jeff McDonald**
- Checklist guidance form for person or board.
A description of project or plan qualifications and how the plan or project meets the eligibility requirements and stated criteria (maximum of three pages)
For Plan or Project of the Year – A copy of the plan or project reports or documents titled:
- One letter of recommendation in support of the submitted project or plan or three letters of recommendation for citizen planner or professional planner nominations.

The following items are optional.

- Related documents or materials titled: _____
- Audio or video presentations titled: _____
- Other materials supporting the submission (please list): _____

Section B: Contact Information (to relay results or ask additional questions)

Primary Contact (Typically the nominator)

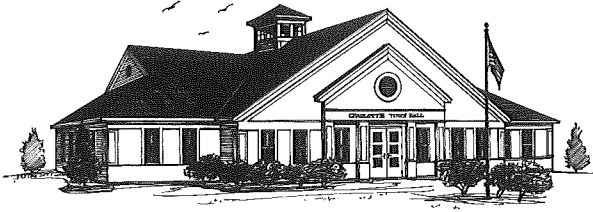
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I certify that the submitted work was done by the parties credited and meets the eligibility requirements. I understand that any entry that fails to meet submission requirements may be disqualified. (The undersigned must be authorized to represent those credited.)

Name of Nominator  Jim Donovan Date August 13, 2012



Town of Charlotte

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August 14, 2012

The Vermont Planners Association Awards Jury
C/O Jim Donovan
PO Box 321
Charlotte, Vermont 05445

Re: Nomination of Jeffrey McDonald for Citizen Planner of the Year

Dear Award Jury Members,

Having worked with Jeff McDonald for the last 13 years as the Charlotte Town Planner, I whole-heartedly and enthusiastically support the nomination of Jeff for the Vermont Planners Association's Citizen Planner of the Year.

As the Chair of the Charlotte Planning Commission during the 13 years that I have been here, Jeff has continually provided strong leadership, asking probing questions, making creative and constructive suggestions and offering invaluable historical perspective, while also ensuring that all commission members and members of the public are able to also ask questions and provide input. Jeff leads Commission meetings with an even, easy going and cheerful style that puts both applicants and the members of the public in a cooperative mood, thereby significantly reducing the level of tension that can often accompany the development review process.

During his tenure as Chair of the Planning Commission, Jeff has twice led the updating of the Town Plan, and is currently leading a third such undertaking. Each update has added new and innovative ideas and concepts to the town's vision, goals and policies relating to land development, resource conservation and town governance. He also guided the reworking of the zoning and subdivision ordinances into a single Land Use Regulation. This unified bylaw has made it easier for applicants to put together well-conceived proposals, and it has also made it easier for the town's staff and commissions to understand and evaluate these proposals.

I'd be very happy to provide additional details if you would like. Suffice it to say that Jeff's volunteer planning work over the last fifteen-plus years has been invaluable to the Town of Charlotte.

Sincerely,

Dean Bloch
Charlotte Town Planner and Selectboard Assistant

Kate Lampton
30 Inn Road
Charlotte, VT 05445

August 15, 2010

To: VPA Awards Committee

I'm writing in support of the nomination of Jeff McDonald for the VPA Citizen Planner of the Year award. I've known Jeff and his work for many years and he is a very deserving candidate. He combines both the necessary planning expertise and the people skills that make the local planning process a success.

I was chair of the Charlotte Planning Commission for a number of years, a position that Jeff has now held for many years as well, and am very familiar with the issues, the personalities and the possibilities for planning work in Charlotte. Jeff has spearheaded many terrific initiatives and has had success in a wide range of those, from rewrites of development regulations, updates of the town plan and many studies and other projects.

Jeff's contribution to planning in Charlotte rests not on a single stellar project (although there have been some great things accomplished) but on a long and productive tenure that has maintained and greatly furthered Charlotte's good land use practices. He has also set a tone of civility, calm and respect that has done much to solidify the acceptance and enthusiasm of Charlotters for the Town's planning efforts.

Thank you for consideration of Jeff's nomination.

Sincerely,

Kate Lampton



August 13, 2012

Jim Donovan
P.O. Box 321
Charlotte, VT 05445

Dear Jim:

This letter recommends Jeff McDonald for 2012 VPA Citizen Planner of the Year. Jeff served the Chittenden County Rural Planning Organization (CCRPO) and Chittenden County Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCMPO) as Charlotte representative over a 15 year span beginning in 1994 and continuing through 2009. During Jeff's volunteer tenure the organization saw considerable change beginning with CCRPO formation following ISTEA, evolving later to join the urban Chittenden County communities in an expanded CCMPO and stepping down on the cusp of the MPO merging back with the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC). During his years of service, Jeff spent 5 years on the CCMPO Executive Committee (2000-2005), the final two as CCMPO Board Vice-Chair, and participated in many ad-hoc Board sub-committees.

Over his lengthy regional transportation planning volunteer commitment, Jeff, 1) demonstrated his ability to effectively learn the complexities of federally funded transportation planning, 2) learned the importance and value of planning transportation at the regional scale, and 3) championed the best interests of his rural Charlotte constituency – all within the broader regional context his community was connected to.

Given his dedication and the quality and length of service to regional planning, I feel it fitting he be chosen VPA Citizen Planner of the Year.

Sincerely,

Peter Keating
CCRPC Senior Transportation Planner