

## Theresa Utton-Jerman

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**Subject:** FW: affordable housing

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Dear Theresa. I am writing you in the interest of my community, Morrisville, VT and Lamoille County and Hardwick in general.

Having and attracting a stable workforce is crucial to the growth of the local economy. There are a lot of pressures on housing in my area. Older housing stocks are being repurposed for short term rental properties such as airbandb and are finding investors interested in capturing the Stowe destination interest. New construction is focused on condominium and market rate professional occupancy. The young working families are stressed to find decent affordable housing that will fit their budget. We have in addition, many older workers who are facing their golden years on a pewter budget. Fixed income with medical and cost of ageing expenses as an added stressor. These older folks who really want to stay in their community have a hard time finding housing here. Morrisville has a homeless population that is slowly growing and a substance abuse recovery population like most other towns in Vermont. They need a safe supervised housing opportunity.

There are many needs for affordable housing here. There is a waiting list for the 300 units available in Lamoille County and Hardwick. We should be doubling that in the next 10 years at the current rate of need.

Thank you for your interest in affordable housing. The need is great and the availability of targeted resources has been lean.

Davis Koier