

Jared, Mike, and Chuck,

We live in a community that willingly comes together in tough times to help each other out. Whether responding to flood damage, house or barn fires, illness, or other sudden and catastrophic situations, there is always a large contingent of us ready to help in whatever way we can. Our approach to the more insidious losses and damage caused by our land uses must be based on a similar 'We are all in this together' attitude. Coming together as a community that is willing to incorporate some restrictions on development will serve to prevent flood and erosion damage, forest loss, wildlife habitat/corridor loss, and unnecessary visual impacts. Fayston's unique topography and wooded landscape requires that impacts be looked at more carefully in a large percentage of the town.

The LUR update which has been passed to the Selectboard for adoption is the result of almost three years' effort on the part of nine different Planning Commission members. The document was developed through an educated, thoughtful process where the balance between potential development interests and the interests of the community as a whole was always kept in mind. The final version provides language to benefit and protect both the current generation of Fayston residents and its future generations, both human and other than human.

I remain hopeful that the members of the Selectboard can see beyond the apprehension displayed during the public hearing process, much of which was based upon misrepresentation of the LUR language, and adopt the LURS as proposed with any minor editing you feel necessary to be completed in consultation with the Planning Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carol Chamberlain". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'C'.