

## **Town of Underhill**

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## To Whom It May Concern:

Please be advised that the Planning & Zoning Department for the Town of Underhill has identified the Underhill Flats area as a growth center for more concentrated development and housing. Therefore, as proposed, the location for the affordable housing project submitted by the United Church of Underhill is consistent with the Town's goals. Additionally, in the past few years, the Underhill Planning Commission provided the current property owner, Philip Jacobs, correspondence informing him that a project of this nature is consistent with the 2015 Town Plan.

As suggested above, the 2015 Town Plan, and more recently a Housing Needs Assessment Study completed by PlaceSense, emphasized the need for more housing stock, especially more housing stock that is affordable. Furthermore, in the 2021 Draft Town Plan, the Town continues to recognize the need for affordable housing. The Housing chapters in both the 2015 Town Plan and the 2021 Draft Town Plan have been submitted as attachments to the grant application. Lastly, to note, the area of the proposed project is in the Underhill Flats Village Zoning District, which allows for single-family, two-family and multi-family housing.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (802) 899-4434 x.6 or at astrniste@underhillvt.gov.

Sincerely,

**Andrew Strniste** 

Planning Director & Zoning Administrator