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For Immediate Release:

The Lamoille County Planning Commission is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2018 Jim Marvin Awards. The awards will be presented at the Commission's annual meeting at the Governor's House in Hyde Park at 6:30 PM on June 12th.

Jim Marvin was a dedicated volunteer from Johnson whose unending energy and desire to learn served as a model and challenged us to improve upon our communities as a place to work and live. In 1992, Lamoille County Planning Commission chose to honor Jim's incredible dedication, hard work, and contribution to the field of land use planning at the local, regional, and state level by naming its annual award the "Jim Marvin Award".

The Morrisville Food Co-op will be presented the Jim Marvin Award Recognizing Excellence in Project Design. The co-op is community-created, community-owned, and community-supported. Its design is visually appealing, welcoming, accessible, and functional. "Now that MoCo is open and successfully contributing to the vitality of our region, this Jim Marvin Design Award helps to celebrate the vision and hard work of so many community members who made the co-op a reality," said Sue Titterton who will accept the award on behalf of the Co-op.

Dana Sweet, Chair of the Cambridge Selectboard will receive the 2018 Jim Marvin Award Recognizing Excellence in Community Service. Dana has been a Selectboard member and or Chair for 30 years. He has provided stability and leadership to a town that has almost doubled in population and grand list since his election to the board in 1989. During his tenure the town has replaced its entire infrastructure. Larry Wyckoff, who has served with Sweet on the Selectboard for many years, stated, "Dana is a one of a kind. It is extremely rare for a community to be fortunate enough to have an individual such as Dana serve for so long. For that the Town of Cambridge is grateful."

Howard & Casey Romero of Johnson will receive a special Lifetime Achievement Award Recognizing a Life Devoted to Community. Howard and Casey Romero have demonstrated incomparable work as a team. They have each served on a variety of civic boards, including the Town Selectboard, the School Board, and the Lamoille County Planning Commission for a total of 60 years of service. "We are so grateful for the incredible support from local officials for all of our efforts," said Casey Romero.

Community Health Services of Lamoille Valley will receive Honorable Mention in the Excellence in Project Design category. This recently built Community Health Center will support the mission of quality integrated health care services and will promote wellness and collaboration with other agencies.

Vermont Guardian Ad Litem Program of Lamoille County will receive Honorable Mention in the Excellence in Community Service category. A guardian ad litem (GAL) is a volunteer who advocates for children involved in court cases. Lamoille County is very fortunate to have a very committed and active group of Guardian ad Litem.

The Following will receive Certificates of Excellence in Project Design; The Alchemist Brewery, Hyde Park Solar, Waterhouse Project Maplefields in Johnson and Seth Jensen for the Cambridge Greenway Bridge.

The Following will receive Certificates of Excellence in Community Service: Sheriff Roger Marcoux, David Gates and James Kinney, David Goddette and Roland Lajoie.

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