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Board of Selectmen
Town of Charlotte, VT

Re: Shoreline protection project for Lot 124, Thompson's Point

Dear Selectmen:

My wife Susan and I write this letter with our application for the Town's permission to construct a retaining wall to protect our summer cottage on Lot 124 Thompson's Point. The application is the direct result of the unexpected and unforeseeable erosion from a combination of snowmelt and spring rains which seriously undermined the bank in front of our cottage in the spring of 2011. This damage was unprecedented in the sixty years since the cottage was built.

Our application is similar to the application approved last year for the adjacent lot 123, owned by our cousin Patricia Waters and her husband Richard. We plan a wall of similar size and construction, and will use the same designer and contractor for the project. Like Patricia and Richard, we hope to protect the existing environment around the shoreline and preserve the natural appearance of the area as much as possible, consistent with the construction necessary to prevent further erosion.

My grandparents built our cottage in 1951, as an addition to a small family compound. I spent my summers there from birth into adulthood. My grandmother passed the cottage on to my mother, and our family has used the cottage every summer then and now. My mother gave the cottage to me and my wife about eight years ago, and we intend to continue to use it and ultimately pass it on to our daughter.

We expect, by this project, to preserve and stabilize this area for the use and enjoyment of our family and future generations. Thanking you for your consideration of this application, we would be grateful to answer any questions you may have.

Very truly yours,



Michael and Susan Garner