

**Miranda Bergmeier**

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**From:** Policy Research Shop <Policy.Research.Shop@dartmouth.edu>  
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**To:** Miranda Bergmeier  
**Subject:** Norwich Community Leaders

Dear Selectmen,

My name is Jeeihn Lee, and I am a research assistant for the Class of 1964 Policy Research Shop (PRS) of the Nelson A. Rockefeller Center for Public Policy and the Social Sciences at Dartmouth College. The Policy Research Shop seeks to provide original, non-partisan research for state legislative committees, statewide commissions, executive agencies, county and local governments and nonprofit organizations in New Hampshire and Vermont. The PRS is staffed by students and mentored by faculty advisors.

We are currently working on a project with Vital Communities, a large non-profit organization in the Upper Valley. The project has tasked us with assessing the level of community relationships and social capital within and between towns in the Upper Valley. The goal is to assess the strength and interconnectedness of social and civic organizations within each town of the Upper Valley to determine places where Vital Communities should attempt to play a facilitative role. We are in the process of putting together a survey of community leaders, which we will be sending to a diverse group of elected, appointed, and nonprofit leaders within each town of the Upper Valley.

By virtue of being the Selectmen for Norwich, we were hoping you could help us build a list of community leaders from your respective town. When you have a free moment, could you **please respond to this email with the name and addresses of community leaders in your town from a diverse set of organizations (both public and private)? If you could think of three to five community leaders, that would be very helpful for us. Also, addresses of select board members would be helpful as well!**

We will be sending out a survey in mid-January in order to collect our data. However, we are currently hoping to increase our sample size beyond public officials from each town in the Upper Valley.

Thank you so much for the help!  
Jeeihn