



RE-ELECT Representative

WINSTON DOWLAND



A RESPECTED VOICE for Orleans-1: Brownington, Charleston, Derby, Holland & Morgan

Dear Neighbor,

Two years ago our community sent a strong message to Montpelier by electing an independent voice to represent our communities. I was honored by your support and enjoyed the challenge of working in the Statehouse. As an active leader in our community I have seen how out-of-touch lawmakers in Montpelier can be. It's as though they don't understand we live paycheck to paycheck.

Last session we raised the minimum wage in Vermont but we must raise it again until people working full time can support their families. We also must address property taxes, they are pricing many Vermonters out of our communities. In our rural communities starting a small business is often the best option to earn a living. Plus, they are a major force in Vermont's economy. It's frustrating the state does next to nothing to support our small, family businesses. That should change.

I hope by now voters know they can count on me to ask hard questions. We are living in tough times and we need a state government that better reflects our priorities. I hope you agree and will give me your support again this November.



- *Transportation Coordinator for Veterans' Administration, Northeast Kingdom*
- *Retired Navy Chief, 30 years service*
- *Chair of Holland Select Board*
- *Small Business Owner*
- *Board Director, North Eastern Vermont Development Association (NVDA)*
- *State Commander, Disabled American Veterans*
- *Married Heather Dawber
Father of three*

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Proud to have voted for:

✓ **ABENAKI RECOGNITION**

The Abenaki people have lived in Vermont for hundreds of years. By recognizing them we acknowledged their historical claim, provided them documentation which increases the value of their arts and crafts, and increased tourist opportunities in Vermont. Their heritage deserved to be recognized.

✓ **A MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE**

Too many in our community work full time or more and still struggle. Whether it's seniors supplementing their pension, working parents, or those working for the first time we must insure compensation is appropriate. This bill is a first step but more work is needed to guarantee full-time workers can meet their basic needs.

✓ **CONTINUED SUPPORT OF VETS**

I am proud of my many years of service to Vermont Veterans. In Montpelier I worked to secure \$300,000 to take care of National Guard Families and \$125,000 for 2 years for the DAV vans. We also raised the property exemptions to \$40,000 for veterans.

Will continue to fight for:

SUPPORT FOR SMALL BUSINESS ✓

Small (or micro) business development is another area where we need new thinking. Reliance on market forces to bring broadband access has left our hillside home businesses unserved. Rather than a bidding war to attract big corporations, we need strategies to encourage homegrown entrepreneurs. More local businesses will strengthen our communities, keep our dollars circulating close to home, and reduce our need to devote time and expense to commuting.

RENEWABLE ENERGY ✓

I worry about the prospect of re-upping production at our aging nuclear facility in Windham County. Though many miles away, VT Yankee is in our back yard. We must find alternatives and they must be affordable. Wind energy is a big issue right now and that solution must acknowledge the balance between affordable, renewable energy and local interests. But wind will only be part of the solution. No matter what answers arise we have to have a genuine public process.

PLEASE GET IN TOUCH: WDOWLAND@LEG.STATE.VT.US OR 895-4680