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Over the last fifteen years, I have worked with Steve on a wide range of projects associated with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, and during this time I have seen him, time and again, produce carefully crafted and meticulously researched documents. Among other things, he has produced historical essays, descriptive brochures, vision statements, recreational trail maps, organizational bylaw critiques, speeches at national scenic byway conferences, texts for interpretive signs, music CDs, and contributions to video scripts. As the list suggests, Steve is comfortable taking on wildly different formats, and it has been my experience that he tackles each with equal measures of thoughtful analysis and ability to synthesize data and creative ideas into a polished and substantive piece.

What further distinguishes his work is a conscientiousness coupled with a personal interest in his environment, which lead him to think beyond the narrow confines of an assignment. He brings an admirable intellectual commitment to his work. And if that weren't enough, he can, and will, build, wire, sew, create fine musical instruments and the music to go with them.