

Ward 1 Neighborhood Planning Assembly (NPA)

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Wednesday, May 8, 2024 7:00 - 9:00 PM

In-person at the Friends Meeting House, 173 North Prospect Street

And Zoom online

<https://zoom.us/j/96245939050>

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Samantha Ayotte
Angie Chapple-Sokol
Marian Price
Sharon Bushor
Richard Hilliard
Carter Neubieser
Tim Doherty
Sam Doherty
Martin Lee
Serrill Flash
Katherine Verman
Sarah Hernandez-Timm
Sharyl Green
Peter Lackowski
Erhard Mahnke
Tom Derenthal
CJ Knudsen
Melo Grant
Sophie Quest
Evan
Charlie Gianonni
Fosca Bechtold
Jonathan Chapple-Sokol

6:30 - Welcome and Food

Salad and couscous; Cheese platter; Not derby bars

7:00 - Formal start - Introductions: name, street

Announcements: share events, meetings, activities of interest to Ward 1 community.

Jonathan - See Tim's notes on Board of Finance Budget Sessions

CJ Knudsen - [Lake Monsters](#)

30th Season! 83,000 fans last year!

Advantage of not being affiliated with MLB - easier to use local vendors

Great Vermonters as well as national players on the roster

Passes for family of 4 available through Fletcher Free Library!!!

WCAX will broadcast 15 games

5/25-8/4 regular season; add a week for post-season

Teachers', 1st Responders' appreciation days

Fireworks: 6/8, 7/13, 8/3 (30th anniversary game)

Hot Dog nights: 6/18, 7/9, 7/30

Tim: Ward 1 night at the Park?

Erhard passed around party ballots for Primaries

Samantha thanked Katherine Verman for her input on running respectful meetings

7:15 - Speakout - an opportunity to talk about what is on your mind with regard to Ward 1 and the City.

Samantha: community gardening, what was done last year and what could be worked on going forward. Chase/Barrett Triangle Park. (Make sure plants aren't so tall that they obstruct riders'/drivers' views)

Sharon: Ward 1 was much engaged in Neighborhood Code, passed with pause on 2nd structures. Planning Commission met, meets next 5/14 6:30 in Bushor Room - affordability, stormwater,

Serrill: Thanks to Old East End Neighborhood Coalition for their warmth and kindness on Walk Audit. Also thanks to Encampment folks on campus.

Angie: Gratitude to community for support and caring about installation of Wheelpad for Hisham Awartani so he can be welcomed home. Thanks to neighbors who came out to DRB and to DRB for approving waivers so a home can be built for Hisham.

Charlie G: 10 years ago started work on project to get youth to Lake Monsters games- anyone interested in 'supervision' should contact Charlie

Carter: Gratitude for and thanks to folks who worked so hard on Green Up Day

Sharyl: Celebrate Wheelpad home as first success of Neighborhood Code?

7:40 - NPA vote on Selene Colburn's nomination to the Ward 1 Steering Committee.

Nominated by Erhard, Seconded by Angie; Unanimous approval! Welcome Selene!

Jonathan: per NPA, June meeting very full, we typically skip July and August. June = Legislators, listening session on intersection on Burlington side of the Winooski Bridge, Developer presentation on Chase Street,.....

Sharon: If necessary, please call a summer meeting!

Samantha: Happy to guide anyone who wants a walk on Bridge or environs

7:45 - City Councilor update - Tim Doherty, Carter Neubieser; Budget Challenges, Committee Work, Councilor's Choice.

Tim: UVM. Tim spoke with Wendy Koenig. UVM 'on hiatus' in MOU discussions There is some lack of trust that is a result of neglect of relationship-building on UVM's part. Moveout days: 5/9, 5/21. Bill Ward is in contact with the most 'recidivist landlords' about their responsibilities.

Budget: Error in accounting in personnel benefits added \$3.6M to shortfall resulting in \$13M that needs to be reconciled. Administration is being transparent about issues. Please plan to attend or watch Department Presentations to Board of Finance all in Sharon Bushor Room, posted on Civic Clerk: :

Monday, May 13 (after regular BOF meeting)

Meeting #1 <https://burlingtonvt.portal.civicclerk.com/event/6987/files/agenda/10715>

Monday, May 13, 2024, 5:30 PM, Bushor Conference Room 1st Floor, City Hall

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://zoom.us/j/92713837094>

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- 1 Airport
- 2 Burlington Electric Department
- 3 General Fund Budget Overview
- 4 Non-Departmental

Wednesday, May 15 5:30pm

Meeting #2 <https://burlingtonvt.portal.civicclerk.com/event/6989/files/agenda/10665>

Wednesday, May 15, 2024, 5:30 PM, Bushor Conference Room 1st Floor, City Hall

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- 1 Innovation and Technology
- 2 Planning
- 3 Human Resources
- 4 Racial Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging
- 5 Clerk and Treasurer
- 6 Mayor's Office
- 7 Regional Programs

Wednesday, May 22 5:30pm

Meeting #3 <https://burlingtonvt.portal.civicclerk.com/event/6990/files/agenda/10666>

Wednesday, May 22, 2024, 5:30 PM, Bushor Conference Room 1st Floor, City Hall

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- 1 Department of Public Works (General Fund)
- 2 Water/Wastewater/Stormwater
- 3 Traffic and Parking Facilities
- 4 Capital and Fleet
- 5 Fletcher Free Library
- 6 City Attorney
- 7 Business and Workforce Development
- 8 Permitting and Inspections

Wednesday, May 29 5:30pm

Meeting #4 <https://burlingtonvt.portal.civicclerk.com/event/6991/files/agenda/10667>

Wednesday, May 29, 2024, 5:30 PM, Bushor Conference Room 1st Floor, City Hall

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- 1 Burlington Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront
- 2 Burlington City Arts
- 3 Community and Economic Development Office
- 4 Fire Department
- 5 City Assessor
- 6 Police Department

There are currently two Administration priorities: The Budget and Community Safety
Mayor has appointed a Budget Advisory Committee (<https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/Press/mayor-emma-mulvaney-stanak-announces-community-advisory-group-focused-on-burlington%E2%80%99s-fy-25>)

Our own Sharon Bushor is on the Committee so connect with her with committee questions.

The Mayor's Budget advisors:

Peter Clavelle. Clavelle served as Mayor of Burlington from 1989-93 and 1995-06.

Sharon Bushor. Bushor served on the Burlington City Council for more than three decades.

David Tabaruka. Tabaruka is an accountant with experience in operational finance. He is also a member of the board of directors for both The Vermont Professionals of Color Network, and the Vermont Futures Project.

Steph Yu. Yu is the President and Executive Director of Public Assets Institute. She brings years of experience as a public sector fiscal analyst and private sector financial analyst.

Nate Lavery. Lavery serves as the Executive Director of Finance for the Burlington School District.

Solveig Overby. Overby is a longtime Burlington resident. She brings experience as an attorney and a former Burlington Public Works Commissioner.

Katherine V Question – thoughts on Shoplifting Statute making 3rd arrest for shoplifting a felony charge? Tim supports this. Downtown business are losing a lot of material/money from organized shoplifting.

Angie: Moveout – can community come and take stuff? Yes.

Melo: Gail Champnois says all efforts are being made to make moveout better than last year.

Richard on budget: need revenue enhancement – cuts and deferred maintenance is not cost effective – kicks the problem down the street

Erhard: Need to raise revenue outside property taxes; it is shocking to find 4M deficit so late in process!

Sharon: Shortfalls are always a moving target (in answer to question from Charlie)

Carter: Need to strengthen financial practices in every department and raise revenue. We used ARPA money to run ongoing programs, a very risky thing.

Neighborhood Code: to Planning Commission and on to Ordinance.

Nurses' Union support Resolution passed Council

Resolution to develop a clearer relationship between Council and NPAs as well – heading to CDNR 5/15 meeting

<https://burlingtonvt.portal.civicclerk.com/event/7204/files/agenda/10704>

Hillside potholes being addressed

Sharyl: Is CJC engaged on Shoplifting? Tim:Yes

Carter – need to find balance as in international relations, between deterrence and diplomacy

Tim: Dramatic decrease in Police presence – need to step up law enforcement. There are a wide variety of offramps for folks who are caught.

Melo: “Difficult to say “We need law enforcement” Things are overwhelming at States Attorney’s office. Look at PD updates:

<https://burlingtonvt.portal.civicclerk.com/event/7062/files/agenda/10519>

Katherine: We are seeing the decay of the vibrancy of our city

Carter: House passed an increase to better fund the courts

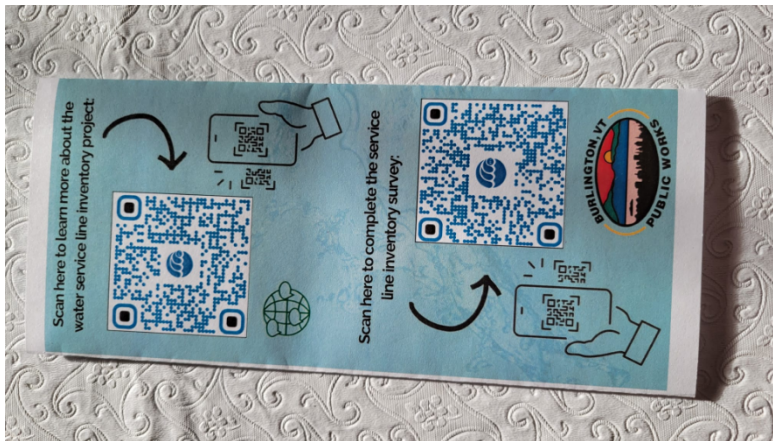
8:15 – Water Resources Update – Martin Lee, Water Resources Engineering Manager, DPW.

<https://burlingtonvt.portal.civicclerk.com/event/7109/files/agenda/10603>

<https://burlingtonvt.portal.civicclerk.com/event/7109/files/agenda/10604>

Get in your basement and take a picture! Only 10% of residents have been surveyed. This is important – while we don't think there are lead pipes in the city, we need to check for the EPA, for ourselves.

More info and the survey here:



8:40 – Appointments to [Boards and Commissions](#) – Samantha Ayotte.

Boards and Commissions are ways to serve the community and also get a civics lesson about how the city works. Please consider applying for one!

There are seats on boards that are expiring June 30

(<https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/CityCouncil/Public-Boards/Vacancies>).

Here are board descriptions: <https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/citycouncil/position-descriptions>

Applications

(<https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/sites/default/files/CityCouncil/Commission%20Application.pdf?r=20160413>) are due 5/15 and there will be an interview process where there are multiple applicants for a seat. You can apply for any you like, understanding that City Council may or may not recognize incumbency if someone wants to stay on a board. Contact Lori Olberg (lolberg@burlingtonvt.gov) if you want to know which boards do not have any applicants yet.

9:03 – Adjourn.

OUR NEXT NPA MEETING IS June 12, 2024, AT THE FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE.

Ward One Steering Committee

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