

Ward 1 Neighborhood Planning Assembly (NPA)
Wednesday, December 11, 2024 6:30 - 8:30 PM
In-person at the Friends Meeting House, 173 North Prospect Street
And Zoom online <https://zoom.us/j/96245939050>
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Minutes: Jonathan Chapple-Sokol

6:15 - Welcome and Food

6:30 - Formal Start - review agenda

Introductions: name, street

Selene Colburn

Sharon Bushor

Troy Headrick

Richard Hillyard

Peter Lackowski

Sharyl Green

Catherine Bock

Katherine Verman

Serrill Flash

Allie Schachter

Rob Guttman

Sam Doherty

Angie Chapple-Sokol

Jonathan Chapple-Sokol

Lisa Lax

Tom Derenthal

Carol Livingston

Gary Golden

Kathy Olwell

Mark Hughes

Sophie Quest

Kathleen Donohue

Carter Neubieser

Erhard Mahnke

Ana Maria Robu

Charlie Giannoni

Brian Cina

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

Jonathan Nominated, Tom Seconded Sam Doherty for Steering Committee.
Sam introduced himself and the assembly unanimously voted to seat Sam

Go to relevant sites to learn about [ColchesterRiversideBarrett](#) intersection restructuring and [Winooski Bridge](#) replacement

6:40 - Speakout - an opportunity to raise concerns & appreciations about Ward 1

Gary Golden on BSD:work to define budget; State conversation. BTV has been a beneficiary of the corrections made to weighted pupil calculations at

the state level last year. Currently looking at ~500K reductions the budget. Rental properties start coming off books in the next year or two – Macy's, Sara Holbrook, airport hangar,...Budget itself will have net zero impact on taxes, but they will go up because changes in the CLA. "Transparency" is the new word around town.

Kathy Olwell pointed out how important the corrections to the pupil weighting is to supporting the City

Erhard announced Sambatucada (who he plays with) is performing at Arts Riot 12/13 with the Will Patton ensemble

Richard as a pedestrian was hit twice by cars (on the same day!) The city has become very unsafe for walkers. No police attention to driving behavior. Richard blames the culture (not the dri

vers). Winooski bridge is an example of how pedestrian safety is ignored in the name of moving motor vehicles as fast as possible.

Sharon emphasized the need for public transportation

Mark provided perspective on racial inequity components of traffic stops – it isn't about moving violations but about all the citations for headlights,...excuses to search cars.

****Consider inviting BPD to come to talk about pedestrian safety and reducing moving violations.**

****Consider inviting Ingrid Jonas**

Catherine B expressed concern about wars happening worldwide. Could the legislature do something?

Sharyl suggested Sam present on life at the High School at future meetings

7:00 - City Councilor Update - Carter Neubieser

3 pieces of work ongoing at CDNR:

--Clarifying the relationship between NPAs and the City

--Strengthen Col rules – currently self-policing; Considering requiring financial disclosures

--Invest 1M in Affordable Housing Trust Fund – must be revenue neutral, ideally increase tourism fees

Also discussed 3% surcharge on incomes over \$500K = \$74M

Lisa – UVM enrollment driving housing problems

Kathleen – we need regular updates

7:30 - State legislators: Troy Headrick, ~~Martine Gulick~~, ~~Phil Baruth~~, Brian Cina
Updates and discussion

Brian

Humanitarian Crisis: “State violence against our people”

- Bills raise \$50M from 1.5% wealth surcharge
- Land Access/AHS/Tax Breaks

Brian shared a lot.

Troy

Unknown territory – contested Speaker race; without override capability, landscape is very different. There is hope

Urging F35 mission change; end investment in wartime activities; long term residents are in alignment with students

Troy is working to be the legislative appointee to the UVM board of trustees.

Working to end out of state incarceration at for-profit prisons, get incarcerated folks federal minimum wage, expand Kids Apart program

Health Care – needs GM Care Board transparency

Erhard spoke of efforts around housing and wealth tax

Lisa - Resiliency planning for climate disasters? Brian – Regional Planning commissions: Land use maps and studies to change where we plant homes

Human Rights Commission underfunded and understaffed.

Mark – Can the Legislature address and defend against the Trump onslaught?

Troy – missed opportunities with supermajority. Tough for a body (General Assembly) to truly understand equity

8:30 - Adjourn

OUR NEXT NPA MEETING IS JAN. 8, 2024 AT THE FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE

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