

Ward 5 Neighborhood Planning Assembly (NPA) Agenda

JOINT MEETING WITH WARD 6 NPA

Thursday, January 16, 2025

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM



Join in person: 645 Pine Street (DPW Building)

Join virtually: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89574495720>

Facilitator: Jason Van Driesche

Note Taker: Maria Mercurio

6:30 PM **Community Dinner | 30 Minutes**

7:00 PM **Welcome + Public Forum | 15 Minutes**

- Open floor for community concerns

7:15 PM **Community discussion on affordability | 45 Minutes**

- Overview of current cost of public services in Burlington (taxes + utilities for homeowners, rent + utilities for renters), as well as the impact of the proposed bonds that are on the Town Meeting Day ballot on cost for homeowners and renters at various levels
- Open discussion on affordability, with a focus on creating a space for people to consider the broader context of all the things we are being called on to pay for and discuss what we can afford as a community
 - *This will include an acknowledgement of the inherent inequity of renting in Burlington, and the fact that many renters want to be homeowners but have no realistic path for getting there*

8:00 PM **Affordability “poll”**

- Participants will be given a way to communicate collectively and anonymously to our elected officials what we feel we each can afford in terms of additional monthly cost of living in Burlington
- This will be cross-referenced with anticipated cost of the bonds, so as to give a sense of how big of a bond people are willing to support

8:30 PM **Adjourn**