

Ward 1 Neighborhood Planning Assembly (NPA)
Wednesday, March 12, 2025
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In-person at the Friends Meeting House, 173 North Prospect Street
And Zoom online: Webinar ID: 962 4593 9050
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Facilitator: Selene Colburn

Recorder: Jonathan Chapple-Sokol

6:15 - Welcome and Food

6:30 - Formal Start - review agenda

Introductions: name, street

Attendees

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| Angie Chapple-Sokol | Sam Doherty (SC) |
| Jonathan Chapple-Sokol (SC) | Richard Hillyard |
| Caryn Long | Ric Cengeri |
| Rob Gutman | Catherine Bock |
| Allie Schachter | Sharyl Green |
| Katherine Verman | Selene Colburn (SC) |
| David Cawley | Matt Price |
| Gretcher Platt | Gary Golden |
| Nora Aronds (Ward 3) | Carol Livingston (SC) |
| Chris Haessly (Ward 3) | Tom Derenthal (SC) |
| Jamie Strotmeyer | Mark Demers |
| Peter Lackowski | Susie Moakley |
| Carter Neubieser | Jean Keller |
| Molly Loomis | Lisa Lax |
| Sharon Bushor | Sophie Quest |
| Shawny Corey | Charlie Giannoni |

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

TEUC (City Council Transportation,Electricity,Utilities Committee) Meeting 3/25 5:30 345 Pine. (to be posted here: <https://burlingtonvt.portal.civicclerk.com/>); discussion, among other things, on Residential Parking, selling parking spaces in residential areas to non-residents as part of TDM (see last TEUC Meeting: <https://burlingtonvt.portal.civicclerk.com/event/8011/files/agenda/13245>)

From Jason van Driesche, Ward 5 Seeking volunteers to help folks protect their data 3/29 10-12 FFL
For more info and to spread the word: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1oHz9Xy8w4b5-Fhf5-FX698O4R9n9Ty6lvQkQRyzt3Y/edit?usp=sharing>

To sign up: <https://forms.gle/fmmDeMjpZE3Fe5UG9>

UVMCM MOU was passed by city council with a single no vote – Carter. At the council meeting Charles Dillard said that planning should not be done by MOU but that we should start working on a comprehensive public community plan for Ward 1 much as NNE and South End.

COTS Walk 5/4 1PM Battery Park

Sustainability Academy Pancake Breakfast 4/5

Election of Steering Committee members

Slate:

Selene Colburn, Sam Doherty, Carol Livingston, Jonathan Chapple-Sokol
Move=Sharon Bushor; Second=Matt Price. Unanimously approved

Gretchen Platt

Move=Richard Hillyard; Second=Catherine Bock. Unanimously approved

Rob Gutman

Move=Angie Chapple-Sokol; Second=Jean Keller. Unanimously approved

All our gratitude goes to Tom Derenthal who has served the NPA so well over the past many years!!!!

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

- TDM Plan (multiple speakers) (see announcement, above)
- UVMMOU is waking up, but will likely not gain momentum until a new President is announced
- Steering Committee does have true influence over the operations of the city
- Quakers demanded no ICE in places of worship; Sued; Won!
- Thanks for voting on Town Meeting Day – appreciation of respectfulness at NPA meetings

7:00 - **City Council update** - Carter Neubieser and welcome to Allie Schacter

- CC approved adding 33 student beds for Champlain College
- Prioritize sustainable funding for buses -resolution to Legislature
- Unanimous vote to extend security contract for parking garages
- Concern about housing quality and adherence to code in UVM dorms – UVM self-certifies; exempt from inspection. Students need to report!
- Vote on CC inspection of warming shelter resolution postponed

7:20 - **School Commissioner update** - Gary Golden and welcome to Matt Price

- Thanks for passing the budget!
- Risks from Federal Administration – Title I, IX; Special Ed, IDA
- Fall 2026 for new HS opening, exterior complete!! Some value engineering TBD
- IAA on track to re-open in the Fall
- Macy's costs \$2M in rent!

7:40 - **Homeshare VT information** - Ric Cengeri, Outreach & Communications Specialist

- Clear and thorough review of mission and program.
- Website: www.HomeShareVermont.org

8:35 - **Adjourn**

8:00 - ~~Overdose Prevention Centers – Drug policy experts Ed Baker, Isabella Fearn, Jess Kirby,
——— Theresa Vezina~~ Cancelled due to illness

8:30 - **Adjourn**

Ward 1 NPA Steering Committee

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