

Meeting Notes

Ward 2 Neighborhood Planning Assembly (NPA)

Feb. 12, 2026 | 6:30-8:30pm | All are welcome



Join in person:

ONE Community Center, 20 Allen Street

Join remotely:

<https://zoom.us/j/93179389982>

O.N.E. Community Dinner

5:30-6:30pm | Free | Donations welcome

ONE ❤️ Menu: Roasted squash polenta with balsamic roasted beets & beans, citrus slaw with pears, herb biscuits, and chocolate cake.

Music: Brian Perkins & Friends

Facilitator: Marc Stannard

Notetaker: Kason Hudman

6:30 pm Introduction

- 5 min - Motion to adopt agenda
- Seconded
- Agenda adopted

6:35 pm Public Forum (2 minutes max per person)

- 10 min - Lauren, Ward 2 resident, reminds everybody that we are not voting in the ONE Community Center but are back to voting in IAA.
- Hillary, Ward 2 resident, mentions that there will be a bake sale at the polls on Town Meeting Day at IAA, as a fundraiser to raise money for arts education at IAA. There will also be a food drive at the polls that will be donated to Feeding Champlain Valley.
- Monica, Burlington School Board member, Ward 7 resident, urges people to vote YES on the school budget, which is question 1, as well as encourages people to vote YES on question 4, which is about school commissioner compensation. Monica has a few flyers that detail why she thinks folks should vote for it, and encourages folks to grab a flyer and ask Monica questions.
- Kevin Blum, Chittenden County Sheriff Candidate, lets people know that he is running for Sheriff and encourages folks to speak with him if they have any questions.
- Chittenden County Senate candidate lets people know he is running for State Senate and outlines a progressive agenda, including universal primary care, abolishing ICE, and more. Encourages everybody to ask him questions and find out more about his campaign.
- Fareed Zakaria, Ward 5 resident, talks about Proposition 0 which would bring a form of direct democracy to Burlington, by getting rid of City Council's ability to refuse to put citizen's initiatives and ballot items on the Town Meeting Day ballot. He is asking for folks to sign his petition.

6:45 pm Ballot Question overview

- 75 min *Representatives from City departments, including Mayor Mulvaney-Stanak and Councilor Grant*
 - Mayor Mulvaney-Stanak is here to talk about two of the four ballot questions on the Town Meeting Day ballot. First, Mayor Mulvaney-Stanak mentions that we have a \$10-12M budget gap for next year. These budget gaps have existed for the last few years, ever since Mayor Mulvaney-Stanak became mayor in April of 2024. For FY27, the cost of living adjustments for both police and fire has increased the personnel budget. They will start negotiating with AFSCME, the largest staff union in

the city, this month, and they are assuming conservatively that this will increase the personnel cost a little bit as well. Another huge driver of personnel cost increase is the increasing cost of health insurance, which Mayor Muvaney-Stanak would like to see systemically changed. The budget also assumes 3% for inflation, and needed costs for emergency vehicles. Why the ongoing structural budget gap? Mayor Mulvaney-Stanak explains that there are three main reasons. The first reason is our Grand List, which is our city-wide property tax list, has grown at a lower rate than our operating costs. The second reason is that the city has overly relied on one-time relief funds, particularly ARPA funds and other federal funds. The third reason is that the city workforce has grown significantly over the course of the last decade. The City added 98 full-time employees between FY14-FY24. The Mayor has a three-pronged strategy to fix this problem: raise revenue, rightsize government, and realize strategic opportunities. Question 3 on the Town Meeting Day ballot is part of the “raising revenue” strategy. It asks the city for permission to raise the Police & Fire tax by 0.05. Mayor Mulvaney-Stanak thinks this is a reasonable ask for citizens since it isn’t asking everybody to cover the entire budget gap through taxes, and will cover the increase from negotiations with the police and fire unions. Mayor Mulvaney-Stanak then details how the rest of the budget gap can be closed, which includes other revenue increases through strategic property sales/taxing, some department budget reductions, etc.

- Katie from the office of REIB comes up to talk about the City Charter Change question about making office of Racial Equity Inclusion and Belonging a permanent part of the City of Burlington. Katie talks first about what DEI is, and what it is not. She mentions that it is not an attempt to favor one group over another, or replace competency tests with identity-based tests, but instead it is a way to include all people from all backgrounds. It helps the city recognize that our community has differences and different needs, and it informs the city on how to best meet them. What the REIB in Burlington does is it supports all city departments in their development, implementation, and coordination for program and services to ensure consistency and accessibility. It provides training and guidance for city staff, boards, and commissions, and it creates ways for community members to engage directly with city government. Katie explains that the REIB is only 0.7% of the city’s general fund, and at it’s highest level, it never exceeded 1% of the general fund. So as the budget conversation goes on the budget gap, this is not a huge budget-breaking department, and it already exists.
- Melo adds that she hopes people join in voting to make the REIB a permanent part of the City Charter.
- Grace Sherwood, Ward 2 resident, asks if the charter change proposal has teeth and will force City Councilors to participate in conversations with the REIB if they are proposing questions that have to do with racial equity or inclusion. Melo answers that there definitely needs to be more education city-wide on these issues, and she hopes that having a permanent REIB department in the city will help with this process.

8:00 pm Burlington School District

25 min *Polly Vanderputten - Ward 2 School Commissioner*

Gene Bergman - Ward 2 City Councilor

- The NPA Steering committee turned this into an impromptu discussion about the attendance of the NPA Meetings and how to better keep the dinner attendees at the NPA meeting. Many great ideas were shared by the remaining Ward 2 residents and steering committee members.

8:25 pm Door prize drawing + Adjourn!
 Our next meeting is Thursday, March 12!

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Date: 2/12/26

COMMUNITY DINNER & NPA

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Maaya	Morris		2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Grace	Stewart		2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Sharon	Webster		1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Marcus	Fisher	marcusfisher@broad.com	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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Marc	Stannard		2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Roger	Liscomb		2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Appendix to the Agenda

Ward 2 NPA Steering Committee

To contact the entire Ward 2 NPA Steering Committee, email ward2npa@googlegroups.com

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Grace Sherwood	Gsherwood703@gmail.com	2025	2029

NPA Guiding Principles

- Operate through democratic principles and democratic procedures.
- Provide a safe and welcoming forum where residents can actively share their voices about issues that matter to them, and where they can learn from the voices of others.
- Cultivate involvement by a diverse spectrum of community members through active outreach and through eliminating barriers to participation.
- Operate in a manner that models respectful, inclusive, culturally, and economically aware practices.
- Be a fun, creative, and vital organization that provides value and benefit through the multitude of perspectives shared by those who participate.

Ward 2 NPA Ground Rules

- Meetings should have **clearly defined agenda and roles**.
- **Honor time limits:** A best effort must be made to start on time, follow the agenda, and finish on time.
- **Listen to others:** Make efforts to be an open-minded member of the group.
- **Respect the agenda and the process:** Try to remain focused on the issue at hand.
- **Share your opinion respectfully:** Speak out, but not over, others' comments.
- **Treat people how you would like to be treated:** Be respectful of everyone, including guests.

Elected officials representing Ward 2

Mayor

Mayor Emma Mulvaney-Stanak	Progressive	mayor@BurlingtonVT.gov
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City Councilors

Central District (Wards 2 & 3)	Melo Grant	Progressive	megrant@burlingtonvt.gov	802-310-0962
Ward 2	Gene Bergman	Progressive	gbergman@burlingtonvt.gov	802-598-3602

School Board Members

Central District (Wards 2 & 3)	Jean Waltz	jwaltz@bsdvt.org	802-355-7856
Ward 2	Polly Vanderputten	pvanderputten@bsdvt.org	802-578-8653

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