

Ward 1 Neighborhood Planning Assembly (NPA)

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

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

And Zoom online: <https://zoom.us/j/96245939050> Webinar ID: 962 4593 9050

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Facilitator: Carol Livingston

Recorder: Jonathan Chapple-Sokol

6:15 - Welcome and Food (Namaste Kitchen Express)

6:30 - Formal Start - project & review agenda & participation guidelines

Introductions & Announcements: share events, meetings, activities of interest to Ward 1 Community.

(CJ Knudsen - Lake Monsters schedule)

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

6:55 - NPA business

Vote on slate of Steering Committee members - 5 minutes

NPA budget - Vote on spending of balance of 2025-26 NPA funds (\$1000) - 15 minutes

Steering Committee suggests spending:

- a. Neighborhood sign - Colchester Avenue/Patchen Rd/ East Ave
- b. NPA informational fliers to disseminate to neighbors in August
- c. Our contribution to Zine renewal - \$75 - 100
- d. Liner for skating rink at Schmanska Park

City says money must be used for:

- 1) Promoting the NPA
- 2) Providing residents with information about City programs/activities
- 3) Gaining input from residents about City needs

7:15 - City Council update - Allie Schachter & Carter Neubieser

7:35 - Burlington School Commission update - Matt Price & Gary Golden

7:40 - 1. Dept of Public Works construction workplan - 25 minutes

2. VT 350.org and Stop VT Biomass - Lisa Lax & Leendert Huisman - 25 minutes

8:30 - Adjourn

Ward 1 NPA Steering Committee

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Participation Guidelines:

The Ward 1 NPA is sustained by community involvement and encourages engagement at our monthly meetings per the following guidelines:

1. We are collectively responsible for following the NPA Meeting Agenda as closely as possible regarding both presentation/discussion topics and time.
2. Participants at the NPA will act in a positive, courteous manner that respects all of those present (both participants and presenters/guests) and their differing opinions, experiences and perspectives.
3. Any attendee requesting to speak who has not yet spoken at a meeting will be called on before others who have already had a chance to speak. Priority is given to Ward 1 residents.
4. Whenever speaking, please be sure to project your voice and use the provided microphone if provided.
5. If the facilitator feels the need to redirect activity in the room based on these guidelines, the facilitator will do so per point number 1 above.