

Ward 6 NPA Meeting Agenda

Thursday, June 4, 2025

Location: Department of Public Works, 645 Pine Street

Join Remotely: <https://zoom.us/j/81027856568>

- 6:00 Community Dinner – join us for great (free!) food and a chance to connect with your neighbors
- 6:30 Call to Order, Announcements, Public Forum
- 6:45 Candidate Forum (all candidates invited)
 - State Senate, Chittenden SE: Thomas Chittenden, Joanna Grossman, Kesha Ram Hinsdale, Elizabeth Ann Hunt, Virginia Lyons, Bruce Roy
 - State Senate, Chittenden Central: Nikhil Goyal, Martine Laroque Gulick, Elain Haney, Tanya Vyhovsky
 - Vermont House, Chittenden 13: Bram Kleppner, Karen Paul
 - Vermont House, Chittenden 14: Adam Franz
- 7:30 Update on South End Innovation District
- 7:45 What's happening in Burlington this summer?
- 8:00 Nomination and election of new Steering Committee members
- 8:15 Discussion of Community Priorities
- 8:30 Adjourn

Notes from initial Community Priorities discussion (March 2026):

What's the best thing the City has done recently?

- Build a new high school
- Neighborhood Code
- Working on safety related issues
- Partnered with city and state police to increase presence on Church Street
- This is a small one, but I really appreciate the enhanced communication from the city about the status of public beaches in the summer and ice skating areas in the winter (esp. the Sea Cave!). We are so lucky to live near Lake Champlain and I appreciate the City helping us to enjoy it safely!

What's something the City should do more of?

- Enforcement of building and energy codes for apartment buildings.
- Getting cell phones out of schools (Note: Bram informed us that BHS already has this rule and that it will be a state-wide requirement starting next fall!)
- Better communication about city ordinances for being a good neighbor, to landlords, renters, and homeowners (e.g. city recycling bins and trash, burning things, cats). Improve enforcement, particularly as it relates to trash and recycling
- Activities that get people downtown (the City is doing this, but we should keep it up and do more if we can!)

What's a concern that should be addressed?

- Housing
- Too many garbage trucks -- can we do a city-wide contract?
- Seeing people still living in tents in the Urban Reserve, even in this cold winter, is heartbreaking. We need to do better.