

Minutes for Ward 6 NPA Meeting June 4, 2026

- **Announcements:**

- 1) ANR Planning and Land Management rule changes. Input sessions to be held at Edmunds Middle School June 8 5:30 pm. Also virtual on June 11th at 5:30 pm.
- 2) Anti-war Protests at the roundabout held 4:30- 5:30 pm on Tuesdays
- 3) No NPA meeting July and August

- **Candidate Forum:**

State Senate Chittenden Southeast: Kesha Ram Hinsdale, Johanna Grossman, Virginia Lyons, Elizabeth Ann Hunt, Bruce Roy, Thomas Chittenden, Javen Sears.

State Senate Chittenden Central: Martine Laroque Gulick, Tanya Vyhovsky, Nikhil Goyal

Chittenden House 13: Bram Kleppner and Karen Paul

Vermont House Chittenden 14: Adam Franz

Each candidate gave a short “stump speech” followed by public questions. Public questions were very diverse. Topics included; issues of anti-semitism/ zionism, local law enforcement with regards to ICE; the role of incarceration in regards to alternatives; tax fairness; data centers; and nuclear power. All candidates addressed these very important, difficult and complex questions with thoughtful and nuance replies.

- **Update on South end Innovation District (SEID):**

Charles Dillard reviewed the SEID status, describing the extent and overall planning framework. He next addressed the current phase, the Southend Coordinated Redevelopment (SECORD). This is the current phase with a two year construction period and an anticipated opening summer 2028. This phase includes 204 housing units, mixed income exceeding the city of Burlingtons requirements for income sensitivity. Mass timber construction and other high level sustainability attributes.

Public question about the project expressed concern about storm water issues, problematic on the Pine Street corridor. Charles followed up that the SECORD project includes extensive storm water attributes but the overall Pine Street corridor needs more follow up.

Other public input pointed out that our current sewer treatment system is overcapacity and questioned whether this project would make it worse before the current city sewer improvements were completed. This also needs more follow up.

- **What’s Happening In Burlington this summer:**

No formal presentation was given but the “Summer in the City” booklets were available to all attendees.

- **Nomination and Election of New Steering Committee Members:**

Gregg Gossens and Teresa D’Marz were nominated and elected to be a new member of the Ward 6 Steering Committee

• **Meeting Adjourned**