Neighborhood Planning Assembly Agenda for the Wards 2 and 3

Thursday October 12, 2017

McClure Multi-Generational Center/Champlain Senior Center, 241 North Winooski Avenue
FREE Community Dinner at 5:30 pm

6:30 pm – Welcome & Introductions
Public Comment Period

6:45 pm – State Bank Presentation
Brian Cina

7:00 pm – Pine Street Coalition
Tony Redington

7:15 pm – Fair Housing
Marcy Esbjerg
Assistant Director for Community, Housing, & Opportunity Programs

7:30 pm – Pearl and George Street Lofts
John Alden
Scott + Partners

7:45 pm – Memorial Auditorium Public Forum Report
Adrian Pascual

8:00 pm – City Councilors Report
Max Tracey, Ward 2
Sarah Moore, Ward 3
Jane Knodell, Central District (Wards 2 and 3)

8:15 pm – State Representative's Report

8:30 pm – Adjourn

Anyone interested in joining our Steering Committee are encouraged to attend our monthly meetings.

Current NPA 2/3 Steering Committee:

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A section of Burlington City Council resolution first adopted in 1982 establishing provisions for a Neighborhood Planning Assembly in each City ward.

….Neighborhood Planning Assemblies shall... help provide citizens with information concerning city programs and activities; help obtain citizen views of city needs; help provide citizens with the opportunity to participate in making recommendations with respect to governmental decisions including the allocation of revenues. ...Assemblies shall also be encouraged to provide advice to the appropriate commission or this council with respect to community development, housing programs, this City's Comprehensive Plan and its waterfront planning activities, and the city's budget among other issues....

Burlington City Elected Officials Wards 2 and 3

Mayor: Miro Weinberger, Democrat 802-865-7272 Mayor@BurlingtonVT.gov

City Councilors:
Ward 2: Max Tracy, Progressive 373-1968 MTracy@BurlingtonVT.gov
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A Vermont State Bank

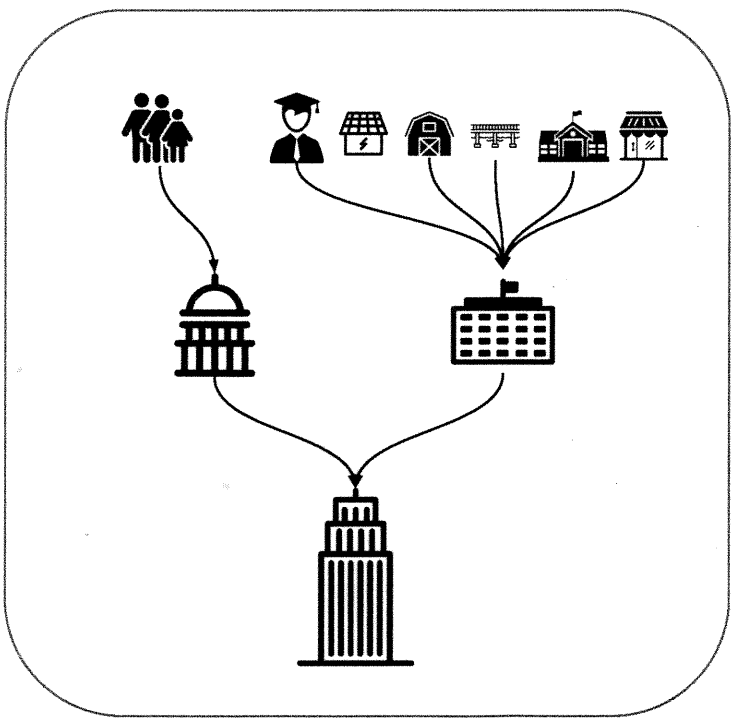
Bring our Money Home to Help Our People

Why establish a Vermont State Bank?

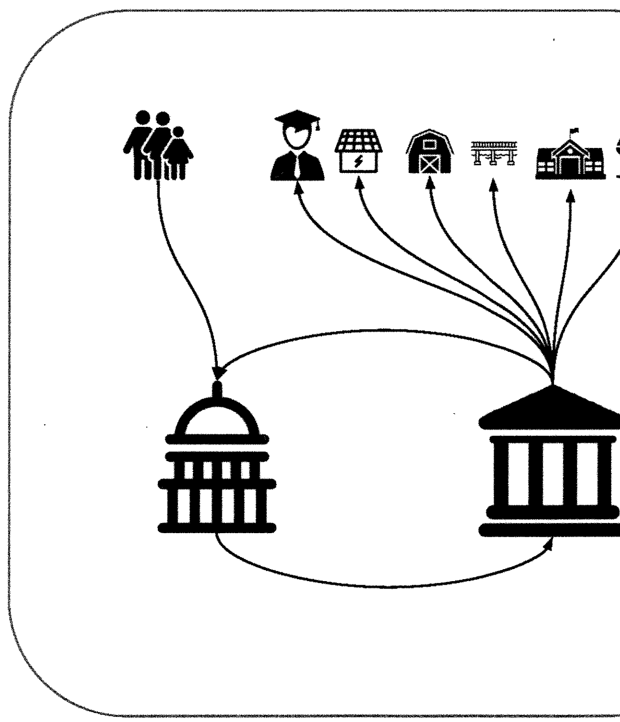
We believe that hard-working Vermonters deserve to have their tax dollars kept in Vermont rather than deposited in a private, out-of-state bank. By placing our taxes in a Vermont State Bank, we can circulate our money through our local economy and start earning returns – boo the state budget, instead of padding the pockets of Wall St. CEOs and stockholders.

We know that we can't expect Wall St. to serve our interests. And, with a changing global economy and political dysfunction in Washington D.C., there is no better time for us to seriou invest in Vermont than now. Vermonters want to keep the best from the past and carefully p for the future. With a Vermont State Bank, we can take that vision into our own hands: growi our small and medium businesses, building stronger, more cohesive communities, and provi quality education, housing and jobs for all.

Depositing Taxes Outside of Vermont



Bringing Our Money Home



What's Wrong With Sending Taxes out of State

- Tiny returns (between one-quarter and three-quarters of a percent)
- High interest and banking fees (over $80 million every year)
- No transparency of or control over how our taxes are invested
- Expensive bonding and borrowing for

Positive Possibilities of Bringing our Mone

- Affordable in-state lending
- New revenue stream that would lowe burden on Vermont taxpayers or fun Vermont programs
- A mission to serve Vermonters

WE NEED A STATE BANK FOR

Our Planet – a Vermont state bank can provide game-changing, long-term
low-interest financing that can power a transition to clean and renewable ene
Students – a Vermont State Bank can provide low interest education loans
Affordable Housing – to lend to projects that will house Vermonters
Entrepreneurs – who need credit lines, loans, and other forms of finance to h
their businesses grow and succeed
Municipalities – the bank can offer competitive interest on public deposits a
lower cost financing for public works.
Taxpayers – who will benefit from both the profits the bank makes and th
services the bank offers

Our Campaign

This fall and winter we are holding educational events across the state to build awareness around the idea of a state bank and our vision of investing in Vermont.

The state of North Dakota established a state bank almost one hundred years ago that is still serving the people of North Dakota to this day. Since the 2008 financial crisis, grassrooots campaigns to establish state and municipal banks have sprung up across the country. At this very moment, many of those campaigns are knocking on the door of victory.

Get involved with the campaign:

Our campaign depends on incredible volunteers. If you are interested in helpin
any way big or small please reach out to us at:

vtneweconomy@gmail.com or (802) 552-0535

You can also learn more (or sign up to get involved) at

Neighborhood Planning Assembly Attendees

NPA (choose one)		Wards 1 & 8		Wards 2 & 3		Wards 4 & 7		Ward 5		Wa 6

Date of Assembly : 10/12/17 Location: McClure Multi

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or email to ***cedofd@burlingtonvt.gov***

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Draft minutes

Meeting Start: 6:42pm

Steering Committee member present: Andrew Champagne-Ward 2, Infinite Culcleasure-Ward 3, Patrick Johnson-Ward 2, Tony Redington-Ward 2, Amanda Hannaford-Ward 3

Public comment

There is a strong community support for Keep Burlington Telecom Local (KBTL) because keeping Utility Services under local control. When the citizens came up with criteria of selling of Burlington Telecom (BT) local ownership was at top. KBTL has a well business plan and under conservative projections of BT not doing well, which BT currently is doing great, KBTL will be still well off. Research shows that under economic downturn co-ops do very well and increase their business. The high bids will have millions to go to Blue Water and Citi Bank. The benefit should not be to the corporations but to the Burlington residents. Come show KBTL your support at 10:45am, 10/13/17 on City Hall steps. On Monday 16th City Council will vote the 3 proposals down to 2. Public comment will be at 7:30pm. There is a fund called go to MilkmoneyVT which has a minimum of $500.00 to support KBTL. KBTL has a website for people to become members. Over time with the sale the City will get back 17million that was lost. If go with KBTL then BT will always be local.

In Japan the postal service was privatize which over time service declined. So if postal office didn't make a profit it would be shut down. The money from these private postal offices went to shareholders and not the public.

State Bank-Brian Cina

Vermonters for a New Economy campaign for a State Bank. Right now the state takes in revenue and put in banks such as TD Bank. 60% of the State's money is invested into out of state investment such as pipelines. When the State needs the money back then will get a loan from Wall Street banks with high interest. 350 million is in the Wall Street Banks in a given day. The alternative to banking is creating a State Bank where the money stays in VT. If our money is brought back to VT then the interest can be used for VT programs. This give more financial security especially currently when there is a threat from loss of Federal money for the State. Investment can go into our schools, housing and roads and won't have to worry that our money will be compromised. VT is currently 48 in the state for affordable housing and with a state bank, can invest in more affordable housing. A bill was introduced to create a commission to look at a state bank. The bill was opposed by private banks against having this commission. The legislature will continue to push for a commission in the next session and advance the campaign. North Dakota has a State Bank and has one of the strongest economies in the country. Dec. 2nd in Statehouse will have and event. Also can sign up on email mail list with Vermonters for New Economy to get up dates. The difference from a credit unit is that people can buy shares where the idea of a state bank is just a depositary for the state's money.

Pine Street Coalition-Tony Redington

Champlain Parkway is planned to start construction next year. This is a 35 million dollar project. From Main to N. Union construction will start soon. On N. Union the street is very narrow and this will have cycle travel lanes. On 16th or 17th should have a mini round design for Cambrian Rise Development

Project on North Ave to propose for Dept. of Public Works (DPW). Pine Street Coalition is a grass roots coalition that's been around for two years. The coalition doesn't believe the Champlain Parkway is a good plan and will be challenging Agency of Transportation to open up to have a public process to design a less expensive, cleaner and more environmental design. The design that the Pine Street Coalition is proposing would be 8 million less, save 2 acres of land that can be later developed and save natural areas. The coalition Champlain Parkway project proposal is also quicker and safer which adds walker and biker infrastructure. A statement for a public challenge to the state and federal government will be issued by the coalition by Thanksgiving.

Fair Housing-Marcy Esbjerg, Assistant
Fair Housing Report is required by Housing Urban Development (HUD) and Community Economic Development Office (CEDO) has been working with this report for over a year in partnership with Winooski and Burlington Housing Authorities (BHA), Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity (CVOEO) and other CEDO staff. The report was submitted to HUD on 10/4/17. The purpose was to look at advancing fair housing in protected class. The background is from 1978 act and CEDO gets federal funds from HUD. Plan looks at segregation, evidence of discrimination and saw some trends in race in ethnicity. There is a big change in race, foreign born and gender demographics. Families with children are going down. Can see the whole report on CEDO website. https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/CEDO/Fair-Housing Can see where people are settling. At the end of the report, come up with some goals to improving housing needs and bring opportunities in a fair and equitable way. The City needs to keep an eye on what's happening for example in Wards 2 and 3, there are signs of gentrification. We want to improve neighborhoods but also in developing new housing don't want to push people out. Inclusionary Zoning can help offset this imbalance. The City is doing a lot projects with Community Housing Trust (CHT) and BHA to assure that new units have money attached with vouchers so low income can live in them. CEDO continues to put all federal funds into subsidizing affordable housing. The City has a Housing Action plan which has 22 points which looks at zoning and other strategies to keep homes affordable such as Home Share programs which CEDO funds.

Pearl and George Project John Alden and Scott and Rick Bove
There will be apartments and hotel which is new to the design. 20 housing units in new apt building. There are 7 in standard and 20 in George Street. The breakdown of 27 units is 2 and 3 bedrooms. The 20unit apt is 1 and 2 bedrooms. Still working with the City to work through new Form Base Code zoning which can allow to add more parking and apartments for the project. There are fewer units in the new design and a hotel has been added. The hotel will increase jobs for the area. The design was changed due to the demand for needing more hotels. This will also keep traffic down. Currently there are 95 parking spaces which majority is underground.

NPA Announcement: Next month November 2.3 NPA will be at St. Joseph, 20 Allen Street
Meeting End. 8:11pm
Minutes by Phet Keomanyvanh-CEDO