



Agenda for Ward 6 NPA Meeting

Thursday, October 7th, 2021

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Hybrid Meeting (Held via Zoom and at the Greek Orthodox Church)

Agenda:

6:30 Public Forum

6:40 Panel discussion about the size and role of the Burlington Police Department

Panel:

Karen Paul, City Councilor

Joan Shannon, City Councilor

Melo Grant, Burlington Police Commission

Oren Byrne, Burlington Police Department

Joseph Carrow, Burlington Police Department

7:10 Burlington Voter Redistricting

Rama Kocherlakota, Ward 6 Rep to the Ad Hoc Committee on Redistricting

Karen Paul, City Councilor

7:25 Burlington City Council Update - Joan Shannon, City Councilor

7:35 Net Zero Energy Revenue Bond Proposal

Darren Springer, Burlington Electric Department

7:50 VT House of Representatives Update

Tiff Bluemle, Chittenden 6-5 Representative

Gabrielle Stebbins, Chittenden 6-5 Representative

8:05 Champlain Pocket Park - Max Madalinski, Burlington Parks, Recreation and Waterfront

Online Meeting Information:

1. Join via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81027856568> (Meeting ID: 810 2785 6568, No Password)

2. Call in for Zoom audio only: 1-929-205-6099 Meeting ID: 810 2785 6568

3. Watch online via YouTube: for livestream viewing only

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLljLFn4BZd2P9f16v7BtN6C9kos1zGEmG>

In-Person Meeting Information:

Greek Orthodox Church, [600 South Willard Street](#), Burlington, VT 05401

Parking entrance is off of Ledge Road on the east side of the Rotary. Overflow parking is at the foot of Willard Street or Christ the King School. Walk up the paved walkway from Willard Street directly to the Church.

LT NGUYEN - 5 YEAR DATA FROM JAN 1 – OCT 4 (DATE MICHELLE CONTACTED)
Search Parameters (ORI: BU / Call Type / Start Date [01/01/20XX] / End Date [10/04/20XX])

CATEGORIES	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	
TOTAL CALLS / INCIDENTS	16636	18923	22109	23181	26072	
VIOLENCE / DISORDER	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
HOMICIDE (OR ATTEMPTED)	3	2	2	1	1	
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT (FEL)	50	43	40	42	29	
SIMPLE ASSAULT (MIS)	115	114	122	143	149	
DOMESTIC FELONY (FEL)	14	25	31	25	31	
DOMESTIC MISDEMEANOR (MIS)	15	18	31	25	41	
DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE	449	499	360	378	368	
ROBBERY	7	15	17	15	16	
RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT	10	2	2	3	1	
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	109	110	116	109	127	
DISTURBANCES	722	719	737	774	669	
SEX RELATED INCIDENTS	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
SEX ASSAULT	35	49	44	61	43	
LEWD & LASCIVIOUS CONDUCT	39	20	32	33	34	
PROPERTY CRIMES	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
BURGLARY	143	82	77	82	184	
STOLEN VEHICLE	94	50	44	19	37	
LARCENY FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	407	250	179	105	207	
LARCENY FROM BUILDING	151	139	134	132	193	
LARCENY FROM PERSON	16	5	14	9	13	
LARCENY OTHER (I.E. STOLEN BIKES)	253	185	205	194	170	
VANDALISM	264	189	211	241	334	
FINANCIAL CRIMES	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
IDENTITY THEFT	19	11	11	16	11	
FRAUD	90	122	154	139	106	
DRUG INCIDENTS	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
DRUGS	45	51	69	81	127	
DRUG SALE	5	12	15	20	36	
DRUG POSSESSION	5	12	16	32	51	
OVERDOSE	104	72	38	43	54	
OTHER	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
ARSON	5	10	1	3	4	
DUI	31	28	51	47	70	
ARREST ON WARRANT	137	128	214	200	178	
TRAFFIC	549	1027	1545	2109	2818	
FOOT PATROL	218	558	1470	1770	2711	
COMMUNITY OUTREACH	247	582	435	498	384	
SUSPICIOUS EVENT	1504	1662	2035	2060	2031	

---Incidents total numbers are down but there are many variables why incidents are down. Fewer incidents does not mean fewer crime.

---Often officer initiated / proactive patrol incidents are suspicious events / traffic / DUI / drugs / community outreach / foot patrol / arrest on warrant. Those numbers are down. (Fewer cops / less proactivity/ calls stacking)

---Property crimes / vandalisms are up (Fewer cops / cancelation of specialized units to address crime)

---Felony assaults are up / shootings incidents are up / domestic incidents total are up last two years

---Overdose are up.

---Officers can't be on proactive patrol / community engagement if they are going from calls to calls and have calls stacking waiting for them. Proactive / community policing will no longer exist as officers are reduced to call takers.

---Cops are human beings. They get sick, they get hurt (can't work). They serve our country (military drills / long extended deployments = can't work). Have to train them (when they are away for training = can't work). They take time off to be with family (can't work).

---Last tour I worked night shift, we were so short staff that I extended daily. 15-18 hours of work per day on the regular bases. An officer fell asleep and crashed his car on the way home after working a long shift.

---Some citizens have told officers that they didn't call to report incidents because they know BPD are short staff.

---The more resource we have the better it is for us to serve the community. We can't serve the community when we don't have resources and are reduced to just call takers.



NET ZERO ENERGY

BURLINGTON VERMONT



About Burlington Electric Department (BED)

- Burlington's municipal electric utility
 - Public Power since 1905
 - 118 employees, including the McNeil Generating Station
 - Third-largest electric utility in Vermont
- 21,000+ customers
 - 17,282 residential, 3,983 commercial and industrial
 - 5,500-6,000 residential accounts turn over each year
- Electricity facts:
 - Summer peak: ~65 MW; Annual energy Use: ~330,000 MWH
 - McNeil is the largest energy producer in Vermont with Vermont Yankee Retirement
 - 100% of power from renewable generation as of 2014
 - No rate increase from 2009-2021; statewide average retail price of electricity increased approximately 21% during that time





BED Revenue Bond Basics

- Authorized under City Charter § 3-421 and General Bond Resolution adopted by Board of Electric Commissioners in 1981
- Requires approval of a majority of Burlington voters
- Payable solely from BED rates and revenues, not City General Fund or property taxes
- An obligation only of BED, not of the City (does not affect City's debt ratio or policy)
- BED has used issued revenue bonds several times since 1981 – for McNeil Generating Station construction, initial Energy Efficiency funding, AMI/Smart Grid infrastructure, purchasing Winooski One hydroelectric facility, and other purposes





Net Zero Energy Revenue Bond Concept

- **Builds on Prior Energy Efficiency Bond** – BED's \$11.3 million revenue bond for energy efficiency in 1990 jumpstarted our energy efficiency investments. Net Zero Energy Revenue Bond continues that foundational investment strategy.
- **Permits Additional Progress Toward Net Zero Energy Goal** – The proposed revenue bond frees up BED's GO Bonds to permit increased investment in customer incentives to accelerate progress toward Burlington 2030 Net Zero Energy goal.
- **Supports Investment in BED Infrastructure** – The Revenue Bond would also fund upgrades, maintenance and continued reliability of BED distribution system and grid, technology systems, and renewable energy plants in a manner that is fiscally responsible for ratepayers. Some of the infrastructure support is needed for upgrades to serve increasing loads from electrification.



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\$20 Million Net Zero Energy Revenue Bond Proposal

- **Grid Investments:** reliability and Net Zero Energy system upgrade projects
- **Technology System Investments:** replace aging software, enable new dynamic rate and load control options
- **Renewable Generation:** maintain existing renewable plants, convert GT to run on biodiesel instead of oil
- **Net Zero Energy Capital Investments:** new EV charging stations, demand response technologies





BED Net Zero Energy Revenue Bond Proposal – Funding Breakdown By Category

Net Zero Revenue Bond Projects	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	Total
Generation	\$ 277,604	\$ 869,730	\$ 375,000	\$ 1,320,000	\$ 2,842,334
Distribution	\$ 1,093,910	\$ 3,478,948	\$ 6,000,478	\$ 3,530,624	\$ 14,103,959
General Plant		\$ 574,900	\$ 150,000		\$ 724,900
IT	\$ 1,067,874	\$ 1,811,556	\$ 1,043,308	\$ 50,000	\$ 3,972,738
Other-Demand Response, Charging Infrastructure	\$ 191,756	\$ 212,023	\$ 250,220	\$ 305,757	\$ 959,756
Total	\$ 2,631,144	\$ 6,947,157	\$ 7,819,006	\$ 2,603,190	\$ 20,000,498

*FY25 projects include full year funding, although the revenue bond would run through only half of FY25, which is why the project category totals for that year, if added up, are double the \$2,603,190 figure represented in the FY25 total line.



Double Strategic Electrification (Tier 3) Incentive Funding FY23-25

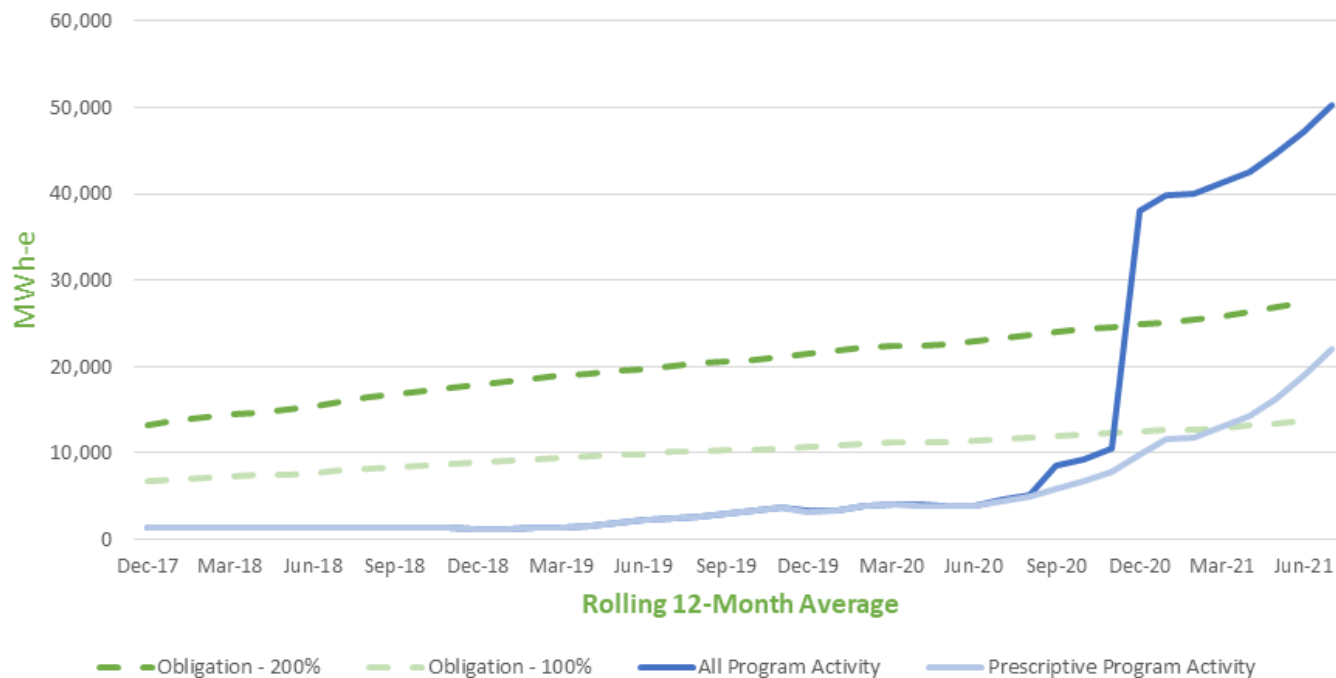
- **Continue Green Stimulus** – Per PUC Order BED can keep Green Stimulus level incentives for heat pumps, EVs, through at least end of 2023.
- **Support Faster Progress Toward Net Zero Energy Goal** – Funding for adoption rate double state Renewable Energy Standard compliance level. Incremental GHG reduction beyond business as usual of 47,000 tons lifetime, equivalent to nearly 100,000 barrels of oil consumed.
- **Use a Portion of Existing BED GO-Backed Annual Bonds** – Projected \$5.3 million of investment during this three-year period. The projects that these GO bond funds would normally be applied to have been included in the revenue bond proposal.





Tier 3 Program Activity Vs RES Obligation

Rolling 12 Months Ending





FY23 Projected Rate Pressure to Reach 110 Days Cash On Hand

(assuming full funding of capital projects and Net Zero Energy initiatives)

Financing Option	Projected Rate Pressure FY23
Without Revenue Bond	+23.7%
With Revenue Bond	+4.9%



Existing Revenue Bond Debt Service Schedule

In terms of existing revenue bond debt service, BED's 2014B revenue bond, which has had average annual debt service payments of \$684,000, will mature in 2025.

Current Ten Year BED Revenue Bond Debt Service (without new \$20 million Net Zero Energy Revenue Bond)

Fiscal Year	Principal	Interest	Total Payment
2021	\$1,745,000	\$846,033	\$2,591,033
2022	\$1,810,000	\$784,164	\$2,594,164
2023	\$1,850,000	\$723,984	\$2,573,984
2024	\$1,935,000	\$655,429	\$2,590,429
2025	\$2,000,000	\$575,046	\$2,575,046
2026	\$1,395,000	\$505,926	\$1,900,926
2027	\$1,445,000	\$450,719	\$1,895,719
2028	\$1,505,000	\$394,789	\$1,899,789
2029	\$1,565,000	\$335,354	\$1,900,354
2030	\$1,620,000	\$272,504	\$1,892,504
2031	\$1,685,000	\$205,180	\$1,890,180
	\$18,555,000	\$5,749,128	\$24,304,128



Net Zero Energy Revenue Bond Debt Service Schedule

\$20 Million Net Zero Energy Revenue Bond Pro Forma Debt Service Schedule for Next Ten Years

Fiscal Year	Principal*	Interest**	Total Payment
2022	\$0	\$0	\$0
2023	\$0	\$418,333	\$418,333
2024	\$0	\$502,000	\$502,000
2025	\$0	\$502,000	\$502,000
2026	\$0	\$502,000	\$502,000
2027	\$0	\$502,000	\$502,000
2028	\$1,114,518	\$488,013	\$1,602,530
2029	\$1,142,492	\$459,687	\$1,602,179
2030	\$1,171,169	\$430,651	\$1,601,819
2031	\$1,200,565	\$400,886	\$1,601,451
5-Year Total	\$4,628,743	\$4,205,570	\$8,834,313

* Principal payments would be deferred for 5 years.

** Assumes interest rate of 2.51%. Actual interest rate to be determined upon bond issuance.



Debt Service Capacity

- **Maturity Savings:** \$684,000 of existing Revenue Bond annual debt service will mature starting in 2026. That capacity is available to support principal repayment on Net Zero Energy Revenue Bonds.
- **Strategic Electrification Revenue Return:** BED projects average incremental net revenues of \$467,000 FY25-32 from the doubling of customer incentives from FY23-25.
- Total net revenues from strategic electrification projects FY23-25 will support approx. 40% of the combined debt service on the portion of the GO Bonds used for electrification and the Net Zero Energy Revenue Bonds.

CHAMPLAIN ST. PARK PLANNING AND OUTREACH

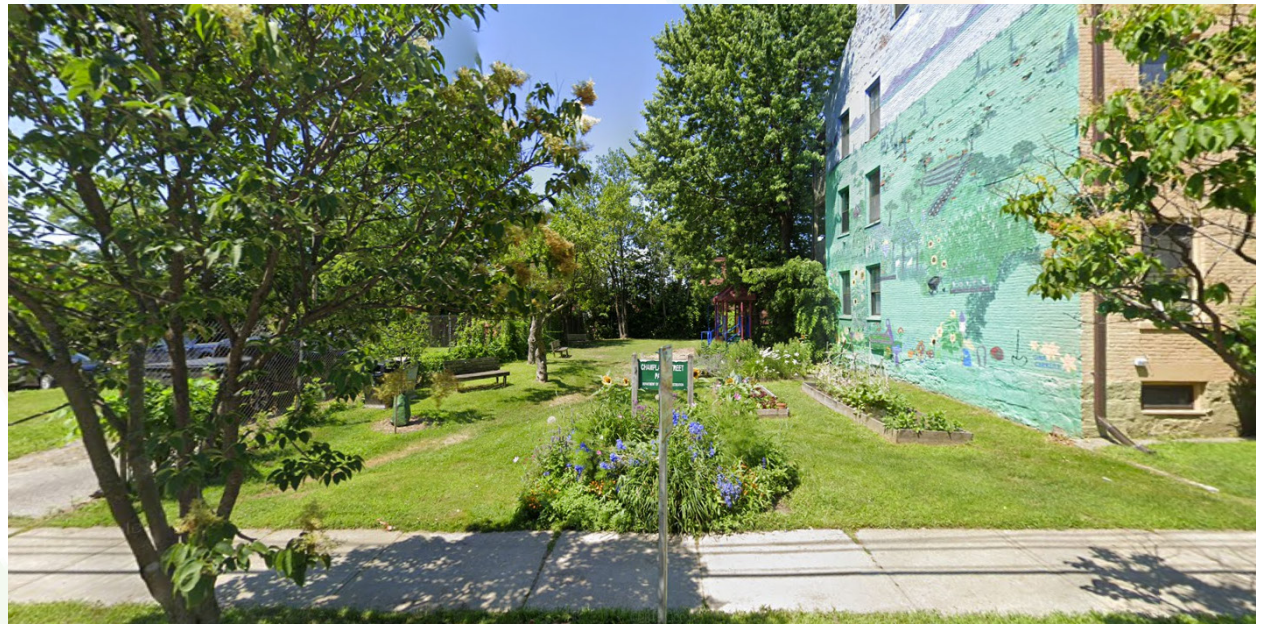
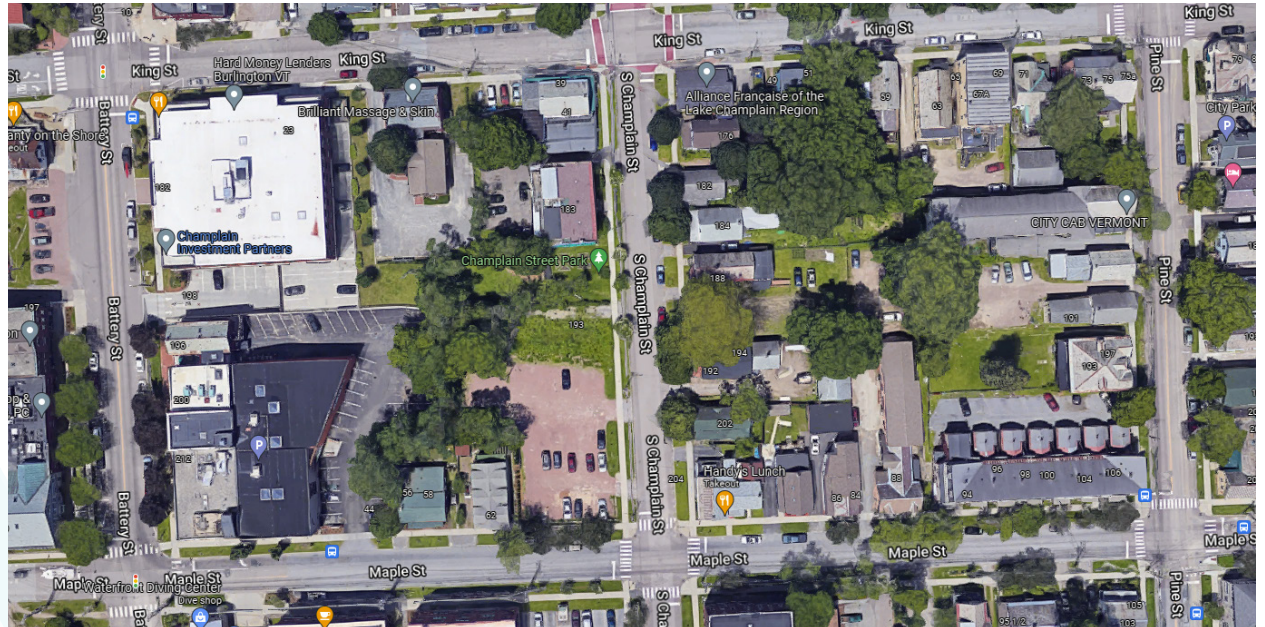
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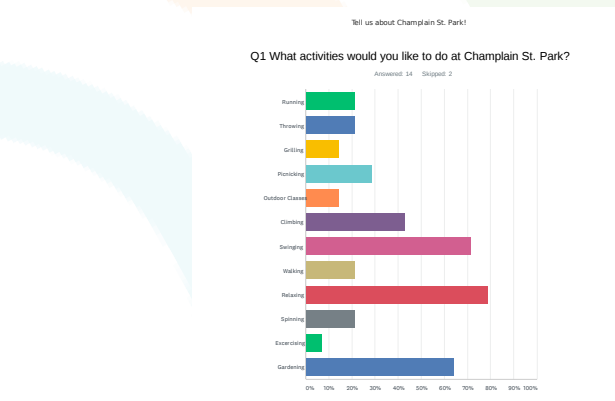
CHAMPLAIN STREET PARK

- “Pocket Park” at 187 South Champlain St. with:
 - » Wooden Benches
 - » Raised Garden Beds
 - » Small Playground (due for replacement)
- In need of some care and updating to meet neighborhood needs.



CHAMPLAIN STREET PARK - OUTREACH

- Two events held in the fall/winter of 2020.
 - » Appx. 20-25 people reached through events
- Online Survey posted through the winter
 - » 16 responses received
- Put on-hold due to pandemic. Continuing outreach this fall.
- Do you have community contacts from the neighborhood?
- Ideas for where and how to reach the community?
- Ideas of what you'd like to see or do in the park?
- Survey still up:
 - » <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ChamplainStParkSurvey1>
- Spread the word!



THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS? IDEAS? COMMENTS?

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Survey link:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ChamplainStParkSurvey1>

Parks' Main #: **(802)864-0123**
Project website:
enjoyburlington.com/champlain-st-park-improvements



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Agenda Items and Actions:

No Public Comments.

Karen Paul- passed on comment, and was wanting to hear from BPD and their thoughts. Joan Shannon- has received numerous concerns from constituents of the uptick of crime. The data is presented is not accurate. The reduction of Police Force = increase of crime. Lack of Police presence in the downtown area alone has allowed lower-level crimes happening more openly. Thefts, bike thefts, car vandalism and our behaviors due to the crime increase have started to change. Her vision would like to see more community policing and long with more mental health assistance.

Officer Bryne Dispatch system is based on instances decline is due to the reduction of instances. Crimes are not being reported. Mental Health issues are on the rise as services are more difficult. The vision is to have policing in other ways, but to have to systems in place with data before a police reduction.

Mike Nguyen The statistics are domestic is down, shooting is up along with aggravated assault. Property crimes have doubled, along with car vandalism, drugs and overdoses. Staffing is way down and people are leaving. Narcotics do not have the man power and the drug unit is disappearing.

Public questions: revolved around how the calls were measured, how are specialized units going to be prioritized. Public concern over Sears Lane, and A New Place. Residences and Business Owners have reported property crimes have doubled and feeling like the lack of Police Force does not make it worth the trouble of reporting the crimes, because they feel like it won't matter. Paralysis/Analysis.

Milo Grant- Stated that she felt as though the personal experiences within areas is different within the community and the areas where people reside and what they are willing to accept. Would like to see an increase in Mental Health Services. There is public support to CAHOOTS (Crisis Assistance Helping Out On The Streets) within the Burlington area with a budget available from the City Mental Health Summit.

Karen Paul- Agrees with crime up with the result of reduction in Police Force. The City Council is working on a Recruitment/Retention with a 10,000 bonus for the Police Department. Joan Shannon added that she supports CAHOOTS. And firmly believes that community collaboration needs to happen with supporting policing policies. She also touched base on the reason for voting No on the \$40 million capitol bond was that she felt the first priority should be the High School. And second there was no list to what is to be paid.

Rama Kocherlakota- Reviewed the Ad-Hoc meeting for the Burlington Voter Redistricting.

Darren Springer, BED - Reviewed the Net Zero Energy Bond to include; grid updates, incentives for transitions, more EV charging stations. Home owner double incentives to reduce greenhouse gases with heat pump improvements within the home.

Matt Madalinski – Burlington Parks, Recreation and Waterfront. Reviewed Plans for the Pocket Park on Champlain Street and provided a survey link for public outreach. The goal for this park is totally geared towards children.

Survey from Burlington Parks and Rec <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ChamplainStParkSurvey1>