

Ward 5 NPA Meeting Agenda

Thursday September 16th, 7:00pm

where: DPW Pine / Zoom (hybrid) Zoom URL:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89574495720> By phone at: +1 301 715 8592

Webinar ID: 895 7449 5720

7:00 – Public Forum (questions, concerns, gripes, ideas)

7:20 – Burlington Schools update - Tom Flanagan (BSD Superintendent),
Lucia Campriello and Jeff Wick (School Board members)

focus on BHS/BTC 2025 plans, bond vote November 8

reference: 'NPA Presentations' at <https://www.bsdt.org/bhs-btc-2025/>

8:00 – Back to school at Champlain Elementary - Joe Restighini (CES
Principal)

8:15 – South End Multimodal Center Feasibility Study Update (Jeff Dube and
David Saladino with VHB)

concept drawings, more info from the study in progress

SC Participants - Billy Clark, Andy Simon, Nancy Stetson, Terry Rivers, Joe Dery
Approx 10 Attendees

7 PM

Public Forum

Stu Lindsey - Explains Walk-to-Shop.

Sean Foley - Concerned about the high school bond, asks why the bond is a 20 year versus a 30 year term.

Geoffrey Desena - Concerned the multimodal center will be a parking garage

Ben Traverse - As a member of the chart change committee, he is proposing to add a ballot item to the March ballot to allow for all-resident (non citizen) voting

<https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/AllLegalResidentVoting>

Jane Headley - Asks whether recycling rules are being enforced

Ben Traverse - responds that DPW is ordering toters and considering requiring them

Andy Simon - remembrance of Tony Reddington

Joe Dery - Ad Hoc Reappraisal committee next Thursday

<https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/assessor/adhoccommittee>

DPW needs crossing guards!

Drilling and blasting planned between Flynn and Ferguson along Champlain parkway

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Tom Flanagan reviews the linked slides, covers the history of PCB testing, last high school bond, project timeline

- Expected tax increase of 16%, or \$805 on a \$370,000 home yearly
- Could be reduced somewhat by changes in pupil weighting formula

Terry Rivers - asks whether some high school buildings could be salvaged

- Not really, rest of the buildings are not in good condition and would be in the way of new construction

Tiff Blueme - talks about state funds that could offset cost of new high school, possibility of federal money

Andy Simon - asks whether we are using materials now in construction that may be shown to be toxic in the coming decades

8:00 – Back to school at Champlain Elementary

Joe Restighini (CES Principal)

Champlain elementary has opened a preschool classroom this year

Invested in a special educator in each classroom grades K-3

New literacy program, K-5, American Reading Company

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Jeff Dube (jdube@vhb.com) and David Saladino (dsaladino@vhb.com) with VHB

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[<link to presentation: 2022-09-15 - SEMC Public Meeting v2.pdf>](#)

Reviewed slides, explained different options with and without housing, ran through timeline and possible funding sources

Andrew Gertin - where would people be going after they park

- Envisioned as connector between I-189 and downtown
- Champlain College and hospital currently use a nearby lot for parking

Mike Fisher - Would the option with housing generate revenue to offset cost?

Lucia Campriello - Are there other proposals for the site?

Samantha Dunn, CEDO - not specifically

Unknown - will there be bike parking?

There will be bike parking although it isn't visible in rendering, could be a combination of indoor short term and secure long term

Joan Shannon - why not put this sort of facility near the highway instead of within the neighborhood? What if the connector is never built?

Next meeting - October 21st