



Ward 4/7 NPA Meeting
Wednesday, July 24, 2019
130 Gosse Court, Miller Center

6:45 - 7:00 Snacks and Socializing

7:00 - 7:10 Ground Rules, Introductions and Announcements

7:10 - 7:30 School District Building Committee (Clare Wool, Tom Peterson)

7:30 - 7:50 North Ave Co-op: New Community Opportunity

7:50 - 8:10 Police Dept Community Engagement Update (John Murad, Deputy Chief of Police)

8:10 - 8:20 NPA New Funding Explanation and Community Spending Decision-Making (Ryon Frink)

8:20 – 9:00 Engagement with Elected Officials (School, Local, State)

Adjourn

Ward 4

Jim Holway, Loaldo Dr., 865-44711238

Jeff Clark, Cumberland Rd., 734-0993

Alex Farrell, Little Eagle Bay, 503-5242

Eric Corbman, Northshore Dr., 399-2602

David Driscoll, Killarney Dr., 598-1234

Jenna O'Donnell, Leonard St., 508-367-0266

Erik Monsen, Curtis Ave., 503-2600

Ericka Bundy-Redic, Staniford Rd., 512-348-4119

Jenna O'Donnell, Leonard St., 508-367-0266

Ward 7

Linda Deliduka, Village Grn. 864-5114

Chris Trombly, Sandy Ln., 238-1158

James Loop, Morrill Dr., 598-8260

Matt Hurlburt, Morrill Dr., 862-5337

Jeff Comstock, Plattsburg Ave., 233-0823

Ryon Frink, Ward 7, Cayuga Ct., 258-1244

GROUND RULES Listen to others speaking | Respect the agenda and process Share your opinion politely |
Treat people respectfully

For more information about Wards 4 and 7 NPA visit their CEDO webpage

<https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/CEDO/Neighborhood-Services/NPAs/Wards-4-and-7-NPA>

Watch the meeting live at <https://www.facebook.com/NorthEndNPA/>

Twitter: @northendnpas

Request to present at an NPA at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/NPA-Present>



Neighborhood Planning Assembly Draft Minutes

NPA:
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Date of Assembly : 7 / 24 / 19

Start Time: (Commence): 7:00 PM

Location: Miller Center

Finish Time: (Adjourn): 9:00 PM

Note taker: Hannah Carpino Please forward these official minutes to: _____

Steering Committee Members in Attendance:

Chris Trombly, Jeff Comstock, Ryon Frink, Ericka Redic, Jenna O'Donnell, Matt Hurlburt,

Discussion Topics

- BPD
- School District Building Committee
- North Ave Co-op

Actions Taken / Decisions Made

Agenda Items and Actions:

Introductions and Announcements

-Chris Trombly is moving to South Burlington after many years of service to the Steering Committee!

School District Building Committee- Clare Wool, Tom Peterson

-Working with school board commissioner to oversee re-envisioning of BHS and BTC campus

-Have developed an MOU with the city

-Tom Peterson of Peterson Consulting has been hired as an OPM (owners project manager) to coordinate services of architects, construction management, and contractors

-Public meetings will occur third Thursday of every month

-Slide deck will be available on project website

-Oversight Committee will make sure project is on time, on budget, and will provide regular updates to School Board and Board of Finance

-Peterson Consulting is local, independently owned company with three employees located downtown in Maltex building

-Contact information for Peterson Consulting available on slide deck

-Updates and progress since November bond vote

- Selection of security consultant

- Selection of OPM

- Conducted two integrative design workshops

- Working towards CHPS certification (Collaborative for High Performance Schools), would be first

CHPS certified school in the state

- Selection of construction manager
- Environmental testing
- Design charettes with faculty and staff
- Completed schematic design
- Schematic design estimate due back on August 19th - SD and estimate must be presented to Board of Finance and School Board
- New bus drop-off configuration for project has been reviewed and approved by Green Mountain Transit
- Next meeting is Thursday, August 15th at 5:30 PM in the BHS cafeteria

North Ave Co-op – Community Opportunity

- Formerly known as Farrington Mobile Home Park across from Key Bank on North Ave
- Trying to create a plan that will save nearby house for sale to be used as space for community
- House is 1600 square feet historic home, the “Farrington House”
- Looking for occupants of property, as well as source funding for repairs
- “New North End Community Center”
- Group is led by Ali Dieng, Franklin Paulino, Travis Bragg, Carina Driscoll. Also working closely with Steve Hamlin, president of board at North Ave Co-op
- House will not be officially listed until August 1st, so group is working fast to try to make a plan
- Brainstorming concepts such as childcare center, satellite library system, incubator space, artist studios, co-working space, community kitchen, satellite city services, Feed Kids location, healthcare clinic
- Growing with Wonder preschool is actively looking for space in NNE- seems like a good potential match

Burlington Police Department Q&A - John Murad, Deputy Chief of Operations

Q: Certain banks downtown have had to reduce ATM hours due to safety issues. What will be done to correct this?

A: Representatives from bank need to be present if officers are to remove someone from ATM vestibules. This can be difficult at night time hours. Church St Marketplace director Ron Redmond is meeting with Burlington Police Department about potential solutions to this issue.

Q: Can you address issue of cars being broken into?

A: Two individuals were arrested and put behind bars who were responsible for car break ins and thefts. BPD put out a press release. Encouraging folks to lock cars and remove valuables from vehicles.

Q: Are recent City Hall policies getting in the way of policing in Burlington?

A: Police forces everywhere are having recruitment and retention issues in the past few years. In Burlington specifically, no one has left due to these issues. Most move because of their families or other career opportunities. The policies of the city have not affected BPD recruitment or retention.

Q: A co-worker whose place of work borders Leddy Park feels unsafe in the early morning. Are there any updates about efforts to deal with activity in the park?

A: Activity at night and in the morning has been difficult to deal with- not just sleeping in cars, but quality of life issues. Some people camp unlawfully. There have been no violent situations thus far.

Q: The biggest problem with police leaving the force is that the courts do not stand behind police officers! We should be writing letters.

A: (no answer because no question was asked)

Q: The closure of City Hall Park has meant the migration of a large group of people around the city. How can citizens be helpful? We don't want to inundate BPD with calls.

A: If you see illegal behavior (such as public drinking, harassment, or fighting), then call the Burlington Police Department. Howard Center has a street team which can be called for issues where someone may be experiencing a mental health crisis. You should also just talk to people- these are your neighbors!

NPA Funding- Ryon Frink

- City Council is giving NPAs extra funding

- Used to have \$400/year, which bought snacks and batteries for mics. New budget is now \$2500/year per ward.

- Sign up sheet for anyone interested in figuring out budget

Engagement with Elected Officials

- Carol Ode

- Trying to address aging population by expanding broadband in rural Vermont (H513 was passed with \$1.3 million of funding)

- Affordable childcare is also important if we want to attract young families. This year's state budget addresses critical needs in childcare and education system

- Bob Hooper

- Talking to people about roll-out of 5G occurring in Burlington neighborhoods

- Vermont credit rating keeps being downgraded due to aging populace, people should be aware of this.

We need to attract young folks

-Ali Dieng

-Water issues might get worse before they get better. Neighborhoods reported sewage in their homes.

Proud of how Burlington city departments responded to difficult situation.

-Passed Diversity Equity and Inclusion Resolution unanimously in City Council.

-Next initiative will be around homelessness. Trying to use money from the sale of Burlington Telecom to help homeless population- tiny home village?

-The New North End is a special place

-Jean O'Sullivan

-Hats off to School Board and City Council members, who are doing a lot of hard work this summer

-Thousands of jobs going unfilled by Vermonters because they don't have the necessary skills. State college system (primarily CCV and Vermont Tech) are taking offer adult career technical education statewide.

-Vermont Gas has a 5% mix with natural materials. They are trying to build that mix up to 40% renewables, working with ag community

-Kendra Sauers, School Board

-Paving at Hunt is finally happening

-Finished Superintendent evaluation, delivered it to him

-Magnet coaches are now full time (IAA and Sustainability Academy)

-Hired new HR director in central offices

-Had a board retreat with self-evaluations and strategic goals for next school year

-Franklin Paulino

-Serve Week, trying to raise \$10,000 for low-barrier "wet" shelter on King Street

-Working on a resolution for talking about climate change and tree planting in the city

-Q: Working with children of color in Burlington's school system has made me wonder about their safety in light of recent interactions with BPD. The recent videos of police brutality were disturbing, thank you Councilor Dieng for your leadership in dealing with these issues and for voting against del Pozo's reappointment.

-Ali Dieng: City Council has created 15-person committee to oversee Police commission- personally, I did not agree with the committee because I'm not sure what they can accomplish. We need to deal with these issues with transparency and stop hiding information from the public.

-Q: Vermont has pledged with other states to give electoral votes to whoever wins the popular vote. Why would Vermont go against the Constitution?

-Jean O'Sullivan: The country has substantially shifted since the creation of the Electoral College, which was created to address urban-rural divide. The Electoral College tamps down motivation to vote- we are pushing for one person, one vote, which is what democracy is about.

-Q: Looking at Community Innovation Proposal, which is requesting a re-build of Ward voting map. Is confusion around wards stopping people from voting?

Bob Hooper: City seems divided pretty easily, doesn't seem to be a huge source of confusion.

Franklin Paulino: Information about voting early and absentee ballots could be better, but no one seems too confused about their actual polling location. Sometimes people forget their address changed and go to their old location.

Neighborhood Planning Assembly Attendees



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Date of Assembly : July 24th 2019 Location: Miller Center

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or email to pkeomanyvanh@burlingtonvt.gov

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- 6 Kate Stein 7
- 7 Kieran Christensen 7
- 8 Kendra Somers 4
- 9 Anna Driscoll 4
- 10 Martha Molpus 7
- 11 AL BELLUCHE 7
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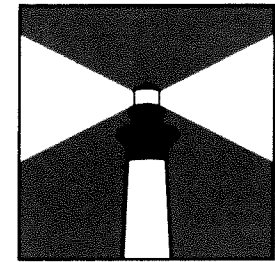
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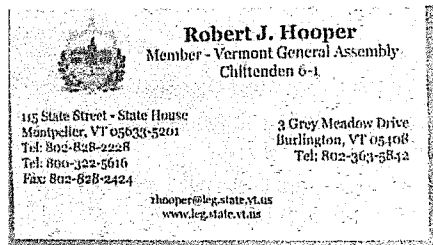
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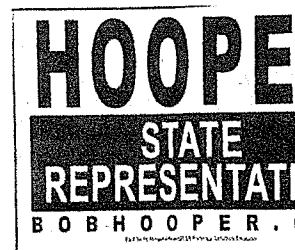
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Thank you!



First Session Legislative Report

**What I worked on, What I found significant,
What I think will be a priority in January.**
Bob Hooper (rhooper@leg.state.vt.us)



Neighbors:

When I came knocking at your door last fall, one of the points I made was that I intended to go to Montpelier and **DO SOMETHING**, not just occupy a seat—I wanted to try to make a difference for you. This is my report on what I did, helped to do, and helped to gain consensus on with other party members.

Now that the Governor has almost exhausted his time for consideration of a Veto or allowing bills to pass-with or without signature-it is a great time to recount the important things that happened this year-From MY perspective. Please reach out to me if you would like to discuss things in detail, or stop in to the Bagel the 2nd or 4th Saturday of the month, 8 to 9 AM, or at Beach Bites or other POP UP sites around our district. The card in the upper left has my contact information. Thanks!!

As you may have read on my Facebook page, in the North Avenue News or Front Porch Forum, my personal accomplishment was to do something a lot of the “seasoned” legislators tell me was uncommon. I was able to author, seek sponsors, testify in committee, line up Senate support and eventually participate in a signing ceremony with the Governor, a bill that facilitated the burial of Veterans Cremated remains in the Vermont Veterans Cemetery within 180 days, where previously Veterans could remain in a funeral home for an embarrassing amount of time. The testimony taken stated one known Vet waited over 20 years since no one claimed or authorized his burial. Now, the funeral director can transfer remains to Randolph after a diligent search and the Veteran can be given the Honors they deserve in a timely manner. I am proud of this accomplishment and if I get nothing else passed in my legislative career, will consider it a success. However, I also introduced other bills that would protect elderly individuals from being preyed upon by “charities”, Shopping networks, and other opportunistic leaches, as well as a plan to offer recognition to Veterans by making the license plate available at a reduced rate. Lastly a bill to allow people to designate a representative that **MUST** be notified when tax appeals and other administrative actions are taken in local Vermont towns. Uniformity currently does not exist. Please contact me for information on these issues.

Many are talking about the two significant issues that **DIDN'T** cross the finish line this year, and insinuating a negative outcome for the session. I disagree. Although I thought the Paid Family Leave bill may have needed a little more discussion, I would have been happy to have voted for such a insurance policy for workers. Likewise, the changes to the minimum wage would have, in my estimation, created an economic stimulus for Vermont small businesses. Many argued that it would have oppressed business owners, but here in Burlington wages are high **NOW** and small businesses are still flourishing! Even McDonalds has recently advertised over \$13.50 for workers. It is a workers market now, and any business that is not showing a degree of respect may suffer due to a lack of employees. I will continue to support a path to a higher minimum wage to help our young workers and new Americans get off to a good start in this economy.

I supported the 24 hour waiting period for gun purchases **BECAUSE** I am a gun owner and in many many conversations with constituents **MOST** agreed that this bill was an excellent compromise for both sides of the issue. The waiting period does have an impact upon people contemplating self harm. The short (not 72 hours as suggested) period still allows gun show and short notice sales to happen, plus changes to the law passed last session now help to facilitate sporting matches happening in our state again, which is again an economic benefit. I considered this bill a **WIN/WIN** and will vote to override Gov Scott's veto if that vote happens. I know this one is a divisive one and welcome discussion with you on the subject.

As I have noted several times at the NPA meetings, PLASTIC BAGS are going to rest with the dinosaurs and we should each get ready for it. Vermont now has the most comprehensive single use ban in the country so you will be impacted in some way. I supported this in part due to the pollution but also due to the silly use of the chemicals for single use bags rather than saving them for important things like medical devices-where having plastic makes things much more comfortable. Our general idea that we don't need to watch out for our grandchildren's grandchildren is seriously flawed.

I was happy to support a bill that limited the use of chemicals by non professionals, that are proven to be toxic and lethal to our pollinators.....bees and such. Just like having a couple of million bats flying around helps with the mosquitos, having bees in the neighborhood gives us some of the best fruits and veggies by pollinating their little hearts out. They need protection-frankly I would have favorably reacted to banning the chemicals period. Better living thru chemistry is often a lie.

The Governor vetoed a bill this year that essentially dealt with WHO pays for medical monitoring when corporations create environmental conditions that impact public or individual health. S-37 was the bill and I basically said the offender needs to pay for the monitoring of the health impacts of persons who were exposed to their polluting action. For me, to realize that peoples lives are impacted by corporate/industrial pollution could be told it is their financial responsibility to take care of the negative health impacts-or even that it is their insurance companies responsibility- is wrong. In the distant past, corporations were charged with a corporate ethic during the incorporation process to exist and function in the public interest!! I really don't feel that throwing anyone overboard because the Corporation made a "mistake" or that they tried to hide their actions (remember the Love Canal?) Only to be found as a Cancer cluster years down the road. Businesses are good. Good paying jobs are good. Economic development is good. BUT, irresponsible profit grabbing behavior at the expense of health or lives is simply not acceptable. I will continue to work to have corporations "pay their own way" and not ride on taxpayers backs.

Next year, I will continue to push for positive change in areas like- Keeping our environment safe and clean, recognition of our state Veterans, WIFI availability to the last mile (there are even some areas in our own district where cell service is less than stellar!!), as well as some of the initiatives that did not make it over the finish line OR were Vetoed this year.

Looking forward and locally, people have been noticing strange things popping up on top of telephone poles in our neighborhoods. They look like a big can and are attached to a couple of boxes farther down the pole. From everything I have found out so far, they are evidence of a roll out of small site 5G system from AT&T and unless you spend a bunch of time looking UP, you would never notice that just outside your house, a cell site had been installed. I do not believe these sites have been activated yet, but have not found anyone who is able to say what the time frame for using them will be. Keep an eye on my facebook page for developments (Bob Hooper State Representative on facebook).

I can not emphasize strongly enough how much I would appreciate hearing from YOU about what your feelings are with regard to the issues of the day and how we should deal with them in Montpelier. As a member of a citizen legislature, I don't feel it is my job to create things out of whole cloth, but to digest your thoughts and ideas into proposals for consideration by others in Montpelier. YOU in that sentence means "as a community" and not individuals pushing their own agenda. Often that is hard to sort out, but I think as long as folks are willing to discuss and compromise, as an example look at the waiting period bill, a good position can be reached.

As I have said before, I really appreciate your allowing me to enjoy the honor of representing you in the Legislature. I continue to promise to not just sit there and say YES or NO, but to actively work to make Vermont a better place, moving us forward in a responsible and determined way.

Bob Hooper
State Representative
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The GREAT North End