



Ward 4/7 NPA Meeting
Wednesday, June 26, 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 Heineberg Senior Center Transition

7:30 - 7:50 GMT- New Bus Routes in NNE

7:50- 8:05 Library- brief presentation

8:05 - 8:20 Food Shelf

8:20 – 9:00 Engagement with Elected Officials (School, City, 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.

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>

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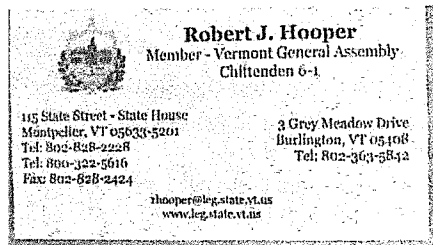
Neighborhood Planning Assembly Attendees

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Date of Assembly : June 26, 2019 Location: _____

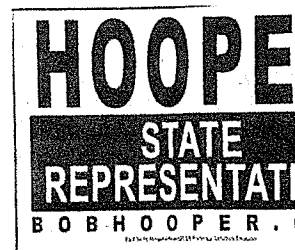
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or email to pkeomanyvanh@burlingtonvt.gov

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| 3 | <u>JENNA O'DONNELL</u> | 22 |
| 4 | <u>JEFF O'DONNELL</u> | 23 |
| 5 | <u>Eric Corbman</u> | 24 |
| 6 | <u>Thomas Fleury</u> | 25 |
| 7 | <u>Courtney Landin</u> | 26 |
| 8 | <u>Jeff Clark</u> | 27 |
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| 11 | <u>Paul Moreau</u> | 30 |
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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.

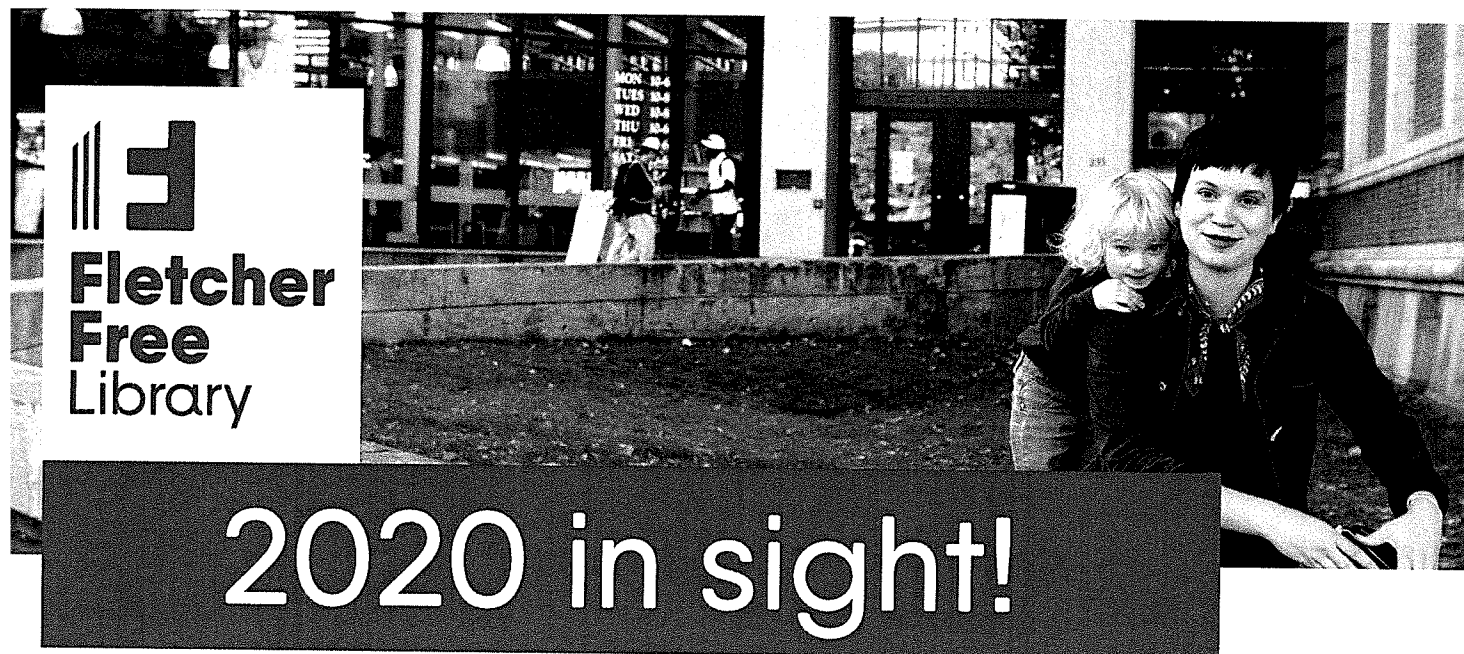
Next year, I will continue to push for positive change in areas like- Keeping our environment safe and clean, recognition of our state Veterans, WIFI availability to the last mile (there are even some areas in our own district where cell service is less than stellar!!), as well as some of the initiatives 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
Chittenden 6.1
The GREAT North End



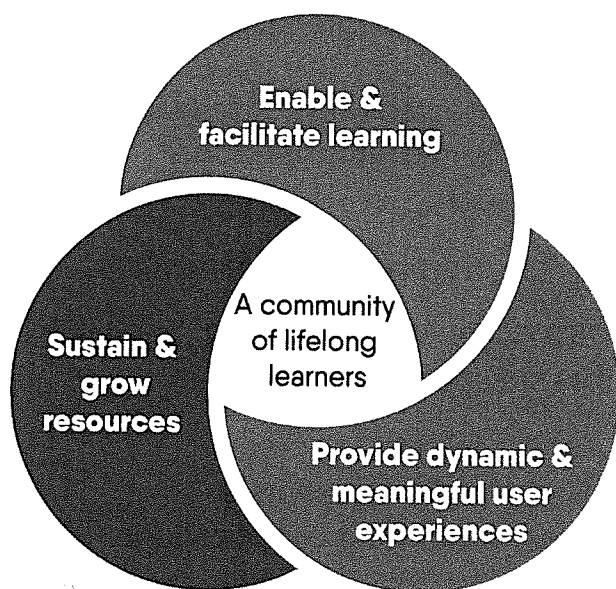
2020 Vision

Our community is engaged in lifelong learning. The Fletcher Free Library is an essential partner in Burlington's economic, social & cultural growth.

Mission

To inform, enrich & nurture a community of lifelong learners.

Strategy



Guiding Principles

- Open to all.
- Dedicated to ensuring patronage represents the diversity of our community.
- Dedicated to personal & intellectual freedom.
- Responsive, adaptive & accountable.
- A steward of materials & spaces.
- Committed to working in partnership with the community.
- Passionate about our mission, the Fletcher Free, & Burlington.

Strategic Directions 2017–2020



Goal 1. The Fletcher Free enables & facilitates learning, empowering through knowledge.

STRATEGY 1 Provide cultural & literary enrichment opportunities.

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STRATEGY 2 Provide universally accessible literacy programs.

Objectives

1. Engage, inspire, inform & open conversation among community members.
2. Improve connectivity & access to knowledge.
3. Prepare learners for continued growth.
4. Contribute to the academic & career success of the community.

Activities

- Develop and deliver in-library literary and literacy enrichment programming for infants, preschoolers, youth, tweens and teens, adults, and seniors.
- Provide literary and literacy enrichment outreach services to seniors, home-based care providers, students at summer schools and camps, homebound patrons.

STRATEGY 3 Maintain reciprocal relationships for successful learning

Objective

Grow partnerships that add value to community learning opportunities, leveraging both library & partner resources.

Activities

- Collaborate to enhance learning opportunities available to the community.
- Connect patrons to learning opportunities at the library & partner organizations.
- Contribute to community cultural & educational networks.



Goal 2. Fletcher Free patrons have meaningful & dynamic library user experiences.

STRATEGY 1 Provide useful, usable & desirable library services, resources & spaces.

Objective Ensure all services & spaces provide a solution, satisfy a need, are easy to use & are safe.

Activities

- Institute a user-focused service philosophy.
- Ensure library policies and procedures empower staff.
- Optimize points of patron interaction in the library and online.
- Ensure digital resources & their interfaces are seamless, & responsive to mobile technology.
- Upgrade public technology resources.
- Design and institute behavior reinforcing wayfinding within the Library.

STRATEGY 2 Build staffing capacity.

Objective Ensure appropriate staffing levels, skill sets and staff empowerment to meet service demands and community needs.

Activities

- Continue to build a quality staffing structure, focusing on literacy, outreach and technology.
- Institute annual evaluations for staff.
- Provide professional development opportunities for staff.
- Implement resource-saving technologies.
- Implement centralized volunteer management.

STRATEGY 3 Maintain relevant, easy-to-access collections.

Objective Patrons use collections for personal growth & lifelong learning.

Activities

- Implement user-focused access to collection.
- Maintain and evaluate centralized collection development model.



Goal 3. The Fletcher Free is positioned to sustain & grow resources.

STRATEGY 1 Maintain a strong community presence.

Objective Raise awareness of library services, their benefit & how to access them.

Activities

- Rebrand the library and roll out the brand in the community.
- Re-develop the library website.
- Develop marketing plans & materials that meet patron needs.
- Conduct outreach to the community aimed at increasing patronage that reflects the diversity of our community.
- Promote 'library card sign up month' once a year, as well as other innovative ways to engage community members as library patrons.

STRATEGY 2 Be responsive & accountable.

Objective Ensure services, resources & spaces remain aligned with evolving community needs & expectations.

Activities

- Develop data management solutions for tracking and analysis of service statistics.
- Measure the library's impact in the community.
- Implement a continuous improvement cycle: needs assessment; satisfaction survey; evaluate data & results; design & implement service improvements.

STRATEGY 3 Build sustainability.

Objective Strengthen the library's organizational & financial foundation.

Activities

- Transition library fundraising to our Friends organization as Fletcher Free's 501(c)3.
- Fund library programming, professional development & special initiatives through Friends 501(c)3.
- Develop and implement a capital campaign to redesign & remodel the library into emphasizing the children's library, the teen area, meeting rooms, & a café.



Knowledge for Life. Knowledge for All.

As the Fletcher Free Library enters year three of our strategic plan, we have been working hard to progress in the many areas that were targeted. You can find the 2017-2020 Strategic Plan on our website at fletcherfree.org. At this point we would like to refresh the feedback we received in 2015 with this brief survey. We hope you will take a few minutes to fill it out. If you are completing a paper version of the survey, please return to the Fletcher Free Library, 235 College Street, Burlington, VT 05401. Thank you!

1. What do you think should be the top priorities for the Library? Please enter a number in the checkbox, ranking the choices from 1 to 8, with 1 being the most important and 8 being the least important.

- ☐ Provide books, materials and resources
- ☐ Provide access to technology
- ☐ Enhance literacy skills for early learners, children and adults
- ☐ Provide space for community groups, programs and events
- ☐ Provide space for small groups and tutoring
- ☐ Provide space for individual use such as reading and wireless access
- ☐ Offer free programming
- ☐ Ensure that all services are equitably available to the community

2. How important is the Library as a community service? Choose one.

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| ☐ Extremely important | ☐ Not so important |
| ☐ Very important | ☐ Not at all important |
| ☐ Somewhat important | |

3. If you have NOT visited the Fletcher Free Library in the last year, which of the following reasons describe why? Check all that apply.

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| ☐ I'm too busy | ☐ The Library doesn't have what I need |
| ☐ The Library hours are not convenient | ☐ I don't know where the Library is |
| ☐ I buy the books I read | ☐ I don't need a Library |
| ☐ I get all the information I need elsewhere | ☐ It's too difficult for me to get to the Library |
| ☐ I get the information I need from the Internet | ☐ I don't feel welcome at the Library |
| ☐ The Library is too far | ☐ I don't like the service at the Library |
| ☐ Parking is inconvenient | ☐ The Library is not accessible |
| ☐ The Library is only for children | ☐ Not applicable |
| ☐ In the past I didn't find what I needed | |
| ☐ Other (please specify) | |

4. Mark all the areas in which you think the library can improve.

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| ☐ More quiet reading spaces | ☐ Expanded teen collection area |
| ☐ More public computers | ☐ Specific teen programming area |
| ☐ More meeting rooms | ☐ Open a Makerspace area (3D printer, etc.) |
| ☐ More collaborative space areas | ☐ Expanded Tech area with more digital equipment & software (film editing, photo editing, digitization tools, recording equipment, etc.) |
| ☐ More adult programming (Lectures, cultural programs) | ☐ Improved energy efficiency |
| ☐ More tech programming | ☐ More job and career services |
| ☐ More teen/tween programming | ☐ More study and work space |
| ☐ More youth programming | ☐ Open more hours |
| ☐ Open a Library Café or coffee shop | ☐ Improved online public catalog |
| ☐ More seating | ☐ Improved restrooms |
| ☐ Expanded physical collection: books, dvds, audiobooks on CDs, etc. | ☐ Bookmobile |
| ☐ Expanded online collection: ebooks, downloadable audio books, movie streaming, etc. | ☐ More community partnerships |
| ☐ Specific youth programming area | ☐ Improved outdoor space with expanded seating |
| ☐ Expanded youth collection area | |
| ☐ Other (please specify) | |

5. What do you like best about the Library?

6. How does the Library NOT meet your expectations?

7. Public Libraries in the US are often supported by both public and private funding. Do you think the Fletcher Free is a valued organization that merits private contributions?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Maybe

8. The following Demographic information is optional, but helps us understand our community's needs better. What is your age range?

☐ 0-18 years of age

☐ 51-70 years of age

☐ 19-30 years of age

☐ 71 plus years of age

☐ 31-50 years of age

9. Where do you live?

☐ Downtown, Burlington

☐ Hill Section, Burlington

☐ Old North End, Burlington

☐ University Area, Burlington

☐ New North End, Burlington

☐ Not a Burlington resident

☐ South End, Burlington

10. Comments?

North End Food Pantry

Saturdays: 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Sundays: 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. (bakery/produce items only)

Oddfellows and Rebekahs Lodge of Burlington

1416 North Avenue (the entrance is in the rear of the building)

Stop in if you need extra food support for yourself or your family. We have canned food, bakery items, milk, produce, and health-related items on Saturdays. On Sundays, we offer a “second helping” of bakery items and produce.

Donations may be dropped off at the pantry on Saturdays or Sundays between 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. If you prefer to have a donation picked up from you, please contact us to arrange this. You may email us at tlfleury@aol.com or call us at 862-7300. Please note that the telephone is answered only on Saturdays and Sundays between 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. **In the case of a food emergency, please also contact us at that email address and/or telephone number.**

The North End Food Pantry provides food for those who need it on an emergency basis. The expectation is that visitors will take what they need while being mindful that our supply of food is low and the need for it among all our visitors is high. To make sure there is enough food for everyone, we ask each visitor to take no more than two plastic grocery bags of food and to be careful not to take too many of the same item. This two-bag limit does not include perishable food, and we can provide visitors with additional bags for these items. Visitors to the pantry on a Saturday may return for a “second helping” of food the following day but please remember that only bakery and produce items are available on Sundays.

Sincerely,

Thomas Fleury, Coordinator

Sponsored by the Oddfellows/Rebekahs Lodge of Burlington



Neighborhood Planning Assembly Draft Minutes

NPA:
(choose one)

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Date of Assembly : 6 /26 /2019 Start Time: (Commence): 7:04 PM

Location: Miller Community Center Finish Time: (Adjourn): 9:00 PM

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

Steering Committee Members in Attendance:

Ryon Frink, Ericka Bundy-Redic, Eric Corbman, Matt Hurlburt, Jim Holway, Chris Trombly, Jenna O'Donnell, Jeff Clark

Discussion Topics

- Heineberg Senior Center
- North End Food Pantry
- Fletcher Free Library

Actions Taken / Decisions Made

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Agenda Items and Actions:

Introductions and Announcements

(none)

Heineberg Senior Center- Gail Moreau

-Senior Center was established in 1971

-"Ebbs and flows" of financial security throughout the years, last year became financially sustainable when United Way withdrew its funding

-Senior center has always been funded privately- no state or city funds

-Called city councilors, all were receptive and tried to help. Resolution was passed unanimously by council to study situation and find financial sustainability. Committee was formed: Jane Knodell, Dave Hartnett, Sara Carter from Parks and Rec, Homeshare VT, executive director of Heineberg, Gary Rogers from Parks and Rec, Kelly Stoddard from AARP, and Living Well

-This past spring, recommendation was made that senior center partner with Parks and Rec, creating one organization with two campuses: Allen St location (formerly St. Joseph's), and Heineberg Senior Center

-Key elements of partnership are understanding that city department would manage operations, Heineberg (which is a 501c3), which would maintain ownership of building on Heineberg Rd. Board of 501c3 remains, and would be responsible to large building repairs. Parks and Rec will be responsible for everyday operations.

-Second recommendation was creation of "Burlington Council on Aging" to raise awareness of issues faced by older city residents

-Creates long term sustainability of wonderful NNE city asset.

- Heineberg Housing remains a Cathedral Square property, completely separate from Heineberg Community Senior Center, which is private non profit. No connection between the two besides the fact that they are in close proximity and share a lot of users
- Source of funds is through city budget, and will continue to be
- Budget for the year is higher than what city has contributed to Heineberg, it is up to Parks and Rec to raise remaining funds. Rental opportunities at building, which can raise revenue.
- Number one program type requested is health and wellness: tai chi, yoga, bone builders, jazzercise, health clinics, nutrition classes, etc. People also want trips and recreational activities
- Private donations can be made through Heineberg Senior Center website

Green Mountain Transit- Rachel Kennedy

- Changes: new scheduling, changed from route numbers to route colors
- September 2017 was beginning of comprehensive service analysis- “Next Gen Service Improvement Plan”
- How can we serve the most people, and serve the people who need it the most?
- Funding constraints have caused “cost neutral” improvements, which are changes that can be made without significantly changing prices, such as creating “interline” routes
- Interlining: combining two routes into one.
- Combined South Burlington circulator with free College St Shuttle, now running every half hour instead of every fifteen minutes
- Summary: 20 minutes headways on main trunk routes, half hour service most places with some limited service routes, extended late night service extended to 11 PM, dedicated Sunday service, adjusted commuter times, limited service on Essex Center route, Williston 1B route eliminated (averaged only four riders per day)
- Realtime location services on Transit app, mobile ticketing system and trip planning
- Fare increase- last increase was in 2005. Costs \$1.50 a ride vs \$1.25 a ride. Reduced monthly unlimited pass
- Taking feedback at feedback@RideGMT.com

Fletcher Free Library Strategic Plan- Mary Danko

- Surveying for feedback on current library programming/set-up, survey can be found online and in paper form - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/J9WLM5S>
- 2020 Strategic Plan for library is finished
- More outreach, more computer classes, more technological updates as libraries change
- More cultural and literary enrichment opportunities
- Trying to build staffing capacity
- Develop universally accessible literary programs
- Adult summer reading programs

- Youth, teen, and adult programming attendance numbers are all up
- “Library of non-traditional items”- tools, instruments, other items for loan

North End Food Pantry- Tom Fleury

- First started program with Hannaford’s- they wanted to make donations, but food shelf is not 501c3. Hannaford’s now donates to C.P Smith School, which in turn donates to food pantry
- Hannaford’s has been very generous with high quality perishables, bakery items, produce, etc
- Pantry relies on donations from individuals, churches, social groups, etc.
- No overhead- sponsored by Oddfellows & Rebekah’s organization, which began as a church and is now a service organization
- Looking to eventually become 501c3
- Great need among senior citizens, families, single parents
- Numbers have increased over summer, when students/young children aren’t able to get meals in school
- Organizing food drive on Halloween Night in North End
- Diapers, shampoo, toothpaste always needed.
- Burlington School Food Project does a good job of setting up summer meal sites- free food for any child 18 and under! Call 211 for list of locations or text FOOD to 877-877

Engagement Time with Elected Officials

-Carol Ode, Chittenden 6-1

-Clean water funding- House Committee on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife worked on S96 which passed, governor signed it into law last week. Bill concerns clean water funding and how it would be distributed across state. New revenue was from increased rooms and meals tax, unclaimed bottle deposits, percentage of property transfer tax. By 2021, those three funds will be \$12 million. Helps Vermont fulfill promise to EPA to clean up Lake Champlain/other waterways

-Bob Hooper, Chittenden 6-1

-Cards on back table for filling out legislative priorities, as well as letter detailing accomplishments of this year’s session

-Beginning door-to-door again this summer to talk to folk in the North End

-Everyone should get a shingles shot!

-Lots of pushback on bills that didn’t become law this year. Pretty productive legislative session overall- minimum wage and paid family leave will be first on the agenda next year

-Posting lots of updates to Facebook about legislature! Check page for updates

-Franklin Paulino, North District City Council

- Joint City Council/School Board meeting tonight. Ali and Kurt could not make it

- Meeting with folks second and fourth Saturdays of the month, 8-10 AM at the Bagel Café.

- NPA's full budget request was passed

- Lots of City Council agenda items related to the police department. Special committee was created to look at potential reforms in terms of accountability, use of force, police overview, etc. Wrote a resolution about having social workers help police respond to calls.

- Talking to UVM about housing more students on campus, making downtown less crowded.

- Met with Brookfield recently, still looking at bidding process and crunching numbers. Updating City Council soon. No start date yet for construction

- North Ave crosswalks have had delay in ordering parts

-Ali Dieng, Ward 7 City Council

- Safety is important to NNE residents. New ambulance, which will be housed in New North End, will become a 2020 ballot item. Takes 6 people to staff an ambulance, 6 union positions.

Questions:

Q: Will any changes be made regarding zoning laws around accessory dwelling units? (ADUs)

A: Ultimately, it will go to City Council. Housing Summit was first step in collecting feedback about ADUs.

Q: Is the state government doing anything about housing stock issue in Burlington?

A: State is looking at zoning, code enforcement, building codes around the state to see how situation can be helped.

Q: Can city councilors speak to the value of having low-density residential zoning areas in Burlington?

A: Low density neighborhoods contribute to quality of life. That being said, we still need to build and add to the housing stock.

Q: Goals for the New North End for the coming year?

Ali: Representation the New North End receives is strong. The role of the city councilor is to make the constituents heard, and have their concerns addressed. NNE councilors worked on a number of initiatives, including the one that allowed NPAs to get more funding!

Franklin: A few important New North End events/initiatives coming. Community dinners are being organized, which will pick back up after Leddy Beach Bites stops. Burlington Wildways will extend its trails, long term goal is to connect scattered outdoors areas and label them clearly. Working on public process for Arms Park Renovation, Leddy Park renovation. Cambrian Rise is a part of the NNE, lots of potential projects (local food, grocery store) that could be beneficial for residents. Goal is to keep bringing resolutions up that residents support- would love to see ADU changes in the coming year.