

May 2023 Monthly Meeting

Thursday, May 18, 2023 6:30-8:45 PM

Our monthly meeting is the third Thursday of every month at 7:00pm, at the **DPW** office at **645 Pine St**, as well as virtually via Zoom.

Zoom URL: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89574495720>

or by phone at: +1 301 715 8592, Webinar ID: 895 7449 5720

Please join us at DPW, 646 Pine Street, at 6:30pm for a community dinner with delicious food provided by People's Kitchen. If you can't make it in person, you can attend the meeting by Zoom starting at 7:00pm.

6:30 – Food from People's Kitchen & Community Time

7:00 – Welcome to the NPA and Public Forum

7:20 – 179 Queen City Park Road: Rhino Foods potential expansion project

Martin Courcelle, Champlain Consulting Engineers, ChamplainConsulting.net

7:50 - 453 Pine Street: Nordic bath house and commercial building project

Jovial King, SiltBathHouse.com

8:15 - HEART (Humane Eviction And Removal Team) Wildlife Removal program

JoAnn Nichols, HEART Wildlife Removal, HeartWildlifeRemoval.com

8:45 – Adjourn



Ward 5 Minutes

Date of Assembly 5/18/23 Start Time: (*Commence*): 7:01pm

Location: 645 Pine Street Finish Time: (*Adjourn*): _____

Note taker: Lena Greenberg

Steering Committee Members in attendance:

Joe Dery, Rodger Brassard, Terry Rivers, Jason Van Driesche, FaRied Munarsyah, Lena Greenberg

Agenda Items and Actions:

Discussion Topics

- Public forum
 - Andy Simon - Friends of the Barge Canal. Event on 5/25 at DPW speaking on the geology and hydrogeology of the Barge Canal. Mini-tours of the Barge Canal, first Saturday of the month, starting on June 3 at 9am.
 - Community science by MycoLab, including this weekend 5/21 2-4pm.
Working on remediation in the Barge Canal!
 - Readington (sp?) roundabout - not yet official. NPA voted to make this official in the past; Transportation, Energy, Utility commission
 - Tevan Goldberg and Jesse - run Democracy Creative. Inviting us to Thought Club, which happens on Thursday nights - a club where we get together and think!
 - Announcing Citizens Assemblies event, May 31 6-8pm in Contois Auditorium
 - Jak Tiano, sharing about Plex, arts festival happening Saturday 4pm - 1am in the ONE on North Winooski and Archibald
 - Lenora Travis - former resident of 567 St Paul street, living in Green Mountain Street. Has been displaced by apartment burning down. Handy (landlord) will now pay expenses, but she has been struggling to find a new place to live.
 - Carolyn Bates - Preservation Burlington holding Historic House Tour - June 10th from noon to 4, \$20, tickets on Seven Days.
- Rhino Foods expansion
 - 41 year old business, certified B Corporation, 230 employees, 30% resettled refugees.
 - Project expected to create 40+ new jobs with wages \$20+/hour.
 - Planning to go into zoning; approval/denial in summer. Construction in March 2024; completes 2025.
 - No traffic study or sound study required.

- No date yet for hearings at DRB - don't get those assigned until they submit the application. This will be public knowledge when those dates are set.
- Requests for narrower exposures on driveways, revision of noise pollution, mural on the wall
- 453 Pine Street (Silt Bathhouse)
 - Going to DRB next week
 - Timeline - breaking ground in the winter of 2023-4, planning to open Spring 2025
 - Drafting a letter of intent with the city; they will gift all of the other segments than 453 Pine to create a 21 acre proposed conservation area for the public. Working with Friends of the Barge Canal on this.
 - Need to get cap approved
 - Commercial building
 - Brownfield site - finalizing the evaluation of corrective action
 - Using the available data on the site and some new data to develop the best course of action.
 - Soil contamination at surface and at depth; there is groundwater contamination and soil gas above ground water. Need to manage stormwater and impervious surfaces.
 - Need to figure out foundation because of clay soil and weight of the building so it doesn't squish contaminants out.
 - Corrective action plan to be developed soon with details, specifications, stormwater design, etc.
 - Presenting cost and schedule for the work. There will be a 30 day public comment period; expecting to submit CAP to DEC in late August. Would place the comment period likely in October, could be later.
 - Impact of scrapping the bowling alley
 - Less parking, shifted the bath house north. The commercial building is replacing the bowling alley, sort of.
 - Review is administratively complete by the time the public comment period occurs.
 - When will there be plans available in an accessible way to the community?
 - Unclear. Jargon free plan would be welcome.
 - Question about parking space. How does this align with the vision for the SEID?
 - Some shared with Maltex, but still 78 parking spaces
 - Building needs to be lightweight
 - 1000-3000 cubic yards of soil
 - Some will be just 'urban soil' and that can go to a waste site in another urban area
 - Some soil is more contaminated and will have to be landfilled. Exploring options for rail transport of soil removal.

No actions taken or decisions made.

Adjournment time: 9:00pm

