

Ward 2 and 3 NPA
McClure Multi-Generational Center/Champlain Senior Center, 241 North Winooski Avenue
5.11.17
Draft Minutes

Start: 6:35pm

Steering Committee members present: Tony Redington-Ward 2, Andrew Champagne-Ward 2, Infinite Culcleasure-Ward 3, Patrick Johnson-Ward 2, Adrian Pascual-Ward 3, Amanda Hannaford, Ward 3

Worker's Rights

Contracted by City of Burlington to monitor livable wage ordinance which set a minimum wage that all employees have to meet.

Public Forum

2 and 3 vote in favor for All Wards public forum in the future of Memorial Auditorium and support of the resolution to have 242Main to stay in the RFP.

NPA needs to advertise to get more diversity in meeting

Protesting F35. The airport has destroyed housing and livability. Will be protesting this before 10am commencement of St. Michaels's College. For infants, the level of sound for F35 is very damaging. Also if the F35 went down it would be a toxic and also the F35 is designed to drop its fuel into the lake.

General Discussion of Movement Senior Center

The context is that the Champlain Senior Center went out of business and Parks stepped in to continue essential programs such as senior meals. If have questions about the St. Joe's move, then write it down and will give it to Candice Holbrook of Parks to answer and share it with NPA June meeting. Talked with Parks and said that NPA move will be in the fall. Still there is not detailed information about improvement and also senior move. The question is not so much about the move but also being part of the conversation and being part of the decision of the move. Concerned about capacity and seniors in chairs. No information about ramps and concerned about elevator if the electricity goes off. There is a cafeteria on the first floor which would be a good for NPA relocation which is a different situation than Senior Center.

City Council Updates

Sara Moore-Public Safety and Park and Culture. On search committee for new Parks Director. Jesse Bridges has accepted CEO Position on United Way. Public Safety last week looked at role of police commission. Also looked at safety and education with Bike/Walk Plan. Community Coalition on Accountability with Law Enforcement Officials (Ccaleo) looking at doing a public meeting.

Jane Knodell -Entering budget season. July 1 adopting new Fiscal Year. Each City Department will be presenting in front of City Council their year's work, budget and next year's plans. There are openings on Board and Commission and May 24th is the deadline. Go to City Council and look for vacancy. Sara will be on committee and looking at applicants to promote diversity and equity. June 10th there will be a dumpster for people to put waste. Burlington Telecom will be sold or find a partner to work with the City. June 1 is the deadline to submit and July candidates will come to City Council. Welcoming City

committee will meet on May 31st and making recommendation in June. Final agreement public release still has not have been worked on. Pre-agreement states that there should be a community public benefit and will be put in the final development agreement which the council is still being worked on. Once it's released for the public to view then it's two weeks before Council votes on it. If there is any public suggestion bring this to the council to consider.

Max Tracy-Will go back to Parks to check if seniors did have input and also check into CHT to. Ordinance passed 1st reading of City Council and then go Ordinance Committee for refinement and then goes back Council to pass. Put out an ordinance to mandate larger recycling for units to prevent recycling from being blown out of bins and become trash. This would require 65 gallons in units that have 3. Should this be passed it will be over a 16 months to phase in toddler. After will look at having this ordinance be rolled out to home owners.

DPW-Chapin Spenser

See attachment of Capital Bond improvement. This year King Street and Pearl will be worked on. Some patches will not be on the list. Reconstruction is taking up the sidewalk and then laydown a whole new sidewalk. See Click Flix holds the DPW/CODE accountable but also reactionary and staff needs to balance this work with other major construction work.

Jim Lockridge-242 Main Street

When Bernie was Mayor he created 242 Main youth center. 242 Main became a cultural heritage which became the longest run punk rock venue in the country. Years of lack of deferred maintenance and investment left the Memorial Auditorium in decay. There was a time that there was almost a public forum about the future of Memorial but then UVM stepped in to propose a buy which didn't happen. Memorial has been a multi-use community civic center and public space. The public should be the driver of the future of this long standing resource. Now that UVM has stepped out, the City has said that there should be public process. Coming to NPAs to insist that 242 Main continue to has a presence to Memorial to be acknowledged and sustained regardless if the Memorial gets redeveloped, demolished or sold. Requesting the NPA sign a petition that 242 Main is part of the RFP. Save242Main.com is the petition. Wards 2 and 3 NPA passed the vote to support the following resolution:
"We ask that as you resolve the structural issues with Memorial Auditorium by repairing or redeveloping the building, please keep 242 Main in its current location, operating as a teen-led program that can continue its legacy of serving Burlington's youth in its uniquely powerful and historic way, providing an outlet for their creative and social vision. Please make the 'community benefit' a priority within the redevelopment process."

NPA fiscal year budget discussion

NPA money should go buy pots and pans to support the community dinners or go into the recruitment to increase diversity of NPA recruitment. Next NPA in June will have a decision.

End time: 8:41pm

Notes taken by Phet Keomanyvanh-CEDO



Neighborhood Planning Assembly Minutes – Full Notes

Date of Assembly: 5/18/2017
Start Time: (Commence): 7:00 PM
Finish Time: (Adjourn): 8:45 PM
Location: DPW Building, Pine St.
Notetaker: Nate Orshan

Steering Committee Members in Attendance:

Mike Fife
Joanna Grossman
Bill Keogh
Elisa Nelson
Nate Orshan
Ben Traverse

(1) Open Forum

Summary:

Concern from a Birchcliff neighborhood resident re establishing the optimal path from Calahan Park to the to-be-improved Birchcliff parkway crossing. Request from a resident to include a discussion in an upcoming NPA meeting re increasing voter participation. Action item: Add this issue to NPA's steering committee agenda.

Alison Johnson (Resident): Our neighborhood's having pedestrian traffic related to Champlain School pedestrian improvement project. We recently learned that the path we thought was city-owned is private property. So many people benefit from it, but... How does the Ward 5 NPA handle it? Everything regarding the Birchcliff crosswalk project depends on it.

A: It's worth bringing up when Chapin Spencer arrives tonight.

Andy Simon (Resident) : I'd love to have discussion among us (on agenda) on voter participation. I've been tracking it in City elections; 81% of registered voters didn't vote (Ward 5 was 2nd-highest voters in the city).

In contrast, when 25% of people don't vote in France, people are shocked.

A: We should add it to the agenda. We'll add it to the steering committee's agenda.

(2) 242 Main Resolution Discussion and Vote

Summary:

Meeting participants voted to adopt the resolution as presented. The steering committee agreed to send a member to the next All-Wards meeting on 6/21 where the issue will be voted on by all the steering committees.

Text of "Ward 5 Resolution Regarding 242 Main"

The Ward 5 NPA resolves to support the continued existence of 242 Main as a teen run organization in Burlington Vermont. In doing so we would like to add our support to the petition below.

Petition to save 242 Main:

"242 Main has brought a community of young adults together where they can fearlessly share what matters and learn to respect each other. It's Burlington's voice for diversity in art and the human experience, fostering social bonds and confidence. It's launched many young people on creative paths that led to fulfilling lives. 242 Main is an institution led by our city's youth and nurtured into a national landmark. It has a treasured history of inclusivity and a triumphant legacy of being the nation's oldest, longest-running all ages punk rock venue.

242 Main has championed the growth of young adults who are confident, critically-minded, and engaged with their peers and community. It has fostered generations of creative community-minded citizens and is an irreplaceable resource. We see Mayor Weinberger, our city department chiefs, and each of our City Councilors, as citizens sharing our vision for a healthy, participatory city that respects diversity, inclusion, empowerment, civic engagement, and creativity. We understand that deferred maintenance has jeopardized all the programs inside Memorial Auditorium, where 242 Main lives.

We ask that as you resolve the structural issues with Memorial Auditorium by repairing or redeveloping the building, please keep 242 Main in its current location, operating as a teen-led program that can continue its legacy of serving Burlington's youth in its uniquely powerful and historic way, providing an outlet for their creative and social vision. Please make this 'community benefit' a priority within the redevelopment process.

This will make our community stronger by demonstrating that we all share an inclusive vision and a spirit of living up to our responsibilities to each other and the meaningful things we've built together."

In Addition:

In the event that the City cannot provide guarantees that 242 Main can remain in its current location, we urge the City to require as part of any redevelopment agreement for the Memorial Auditorium site the inclusion of "242 Main" as a conceptual element to be supported in an alternative location by the redevelopment process at Memorial Auditorium. Akin to the process by which some developments fund separate inclusionary zoning requirements (for example)

in adjacent or nearby facilities, rather than as an integral part of the primary site. It is the desire of the Ward 5 NPA, duly warned, assembled and voted, that the spirit of 242 Main be preserved for the reasons stated elsewhere in this document.

Bill Keogh: Move we adopt the resolution as presented.

Meeting participants vote: (Unanimous votes for the resolution).

Charles Simpson (NPA steering committee member, Ward 6): I'd like to have all the NPAs be responsible for gathering all the public input.

Elisa Nelson: Do we want to discuss the resolution? If so we'd need to write it up and present it to the next meeting.

Charles: All NPAs would take the lead, maybe have a large meeting in Contois Auditorium, then bring in people to discuss it.

Bill: The City doesn't know where it's going with this; its future is questionable. It's way up in the air.

Mike Fife: Sounds like the proposal would be to say, "Let's come together as a City".

Charles: It's an advisory process. I think it's unfortunate that the mayor hired a consultant that then contacted UVM...which turned it down.

Andy: My sense is the All-NPA group is proposing a forum for discussing this matter. It's about increasing citizen participation.

Jim Lockridge: My understanding is that, following UVM's turn-down, the City said there'd be a Request for Proposal. But the City's at its capacity for projects right now, so it'd have to happen in the future.

Alison: what role does the public and the NPA have?

Bill: We're not even close yet!

Mike: I think Charles is bringing the proposal to say, "Hey, why doesn't the Citywide NPA fill the void?" I'd personally like to hear more community discussion about what we're proposing. For me, it might be nice to have a structured proposal that you can bring for us to review.

Bill: This project's so expensive that it'll need a bond issue.

Charles: Most NPAs have signed onto this now.

Elisa: So we want more discussion.

Phet Keomanyvanh (Community Development Specialist-Public Engagement at City of Burlington-CEDO): In order for there to be a formal all-wards meeting, each NPA needs to sponsor. Each NPA that has agreed to it asks the NPA to vote. If we're going to vote, best practice is indeed to put it on the agenda. Next All-Wards is 6/21, 6:30 to 8:30 at the Miller Center.

Mike: So we need a one-sentence statement, e.g., "The Ward 5 NPA agrees to send a member to the All-Wards." Is that correct?

Many: Yes!

Simon: I propose we have a sentence for this at the June meeting.

Mike: Seconded

Meeting participants vote: (Unanimous)

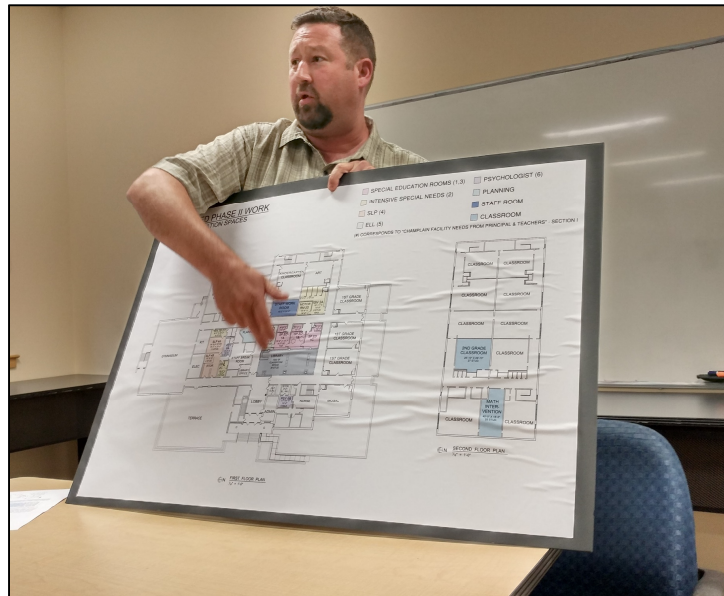
(3) Burlington School District Update - Facilities Director Marty Spaulding

Summary:

Showed diagrams of upcoming physical improvements to Champlain School, described upcoming work, and answered questions.



Marty Spaulding with diagram of Champlain School window improvements



Marty Spaulding with diagram of Phase II of Champlain School interior improvements

Upcoming construction: Replacing the 2nd-story windows on the south and north side of the building. Also work to the library. We're working with contractor Wright &

Morrissey starting on 6/21. We envision it to be done by start of school. We'll be doubling the natural light, and, since they're triple-glazed, the windows will be more energy efficient.

Joanna: Can you tell us anything about pickup/dropoff fits in?

Marty: We're trying to lay out a 10-year plan. That's part of the plan.

Q: Will there be an addition to the school?

Marty: Possibly. We identified that the district needs four additional classrooms, but their location is to be determined. It's up in the air, but the advantage is that there's lots of room for us to build out here if need be.

Q: Date for dropoff work?

Marty: No date yet.

Q: Impact to Pine Street?

Marty: Pretty minimal.

**(4) Community Development Block Grant Update
- Board Member for Ward 5 Cassie Lindsay
(read aloud by Nate Orshan)**

Summary:

The CDBG will be funding four public service projects (including LUND Early Childhood Education Program and Sara Holbrook Community Center Pre-School) and nine development projects (including Champlain Housing Trust (BRHIP and Cambrian Rise) and Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf (new kitchen and expansion)).

Text of update via email:

NPA Briefing Notes (2017)

I. Thanks for nominating me for position and giving me opportunity to represent Ward 5 and serve our city on the CDBG Citizen's Advisory Board.

II. Community Development Block Grants: Federal funds to be spent to alleviate poverty according to the city's overall plan or to prevent people from falling into poverty.

- Citizens' Advisory board (unique system for allocating funds)*
- Representatives of each ward, mayor's office, and State Social Services*
- Review all the applications, score, and make recommendations to the council and mayor*

All Burlington's CDBG funds are required to be spent serving the people of Burlington, even if the agencies serve a wider constituency.

III. CDBG funds three types of projects and tentative funding available:

CEDO initiated - \$0 for this year

Public Service: \$167,242

Development projects: \$559,481

This year the Public Service "bucket" had requests from 4 agencies totaling \$58,350 for the \$167,242 available. This is the first time there were so few Public Service applications and the reason was most likely the limited scope of the request for proposals. We are recommending that four projects be funded. The organizations recommended to receive funding in 2017 are:

- DREAM Summer Day and Sleepaway Camp*
- LUND Early Childhood Education Program*
- Sara Holbrook Community Center Pre-School*
- Burlington's Children Space Nutrition Program*

We had requests for funding for 9 Development projects. The total request for funds was \$809,481 and we had \$634,203 available with the leftover Public Service funds. At the start of our meeting, we learned that one significant

application (the Y) had withdrawn their application at this time. This meant that we were able to fully fund all the project requests. Proposed grantees are:

- *Champlain Housing Trust – BRHIP and Cambrian Rise*
- *ReSource - Youthbuild - Energy Efficiency and Housing Rehab*
- *Mercy Connections - Women’s Small Business Program*
- *St. Joseph’s School - Community Center (accessibility and rehab)*
- *Community Health Centers of Burlington - Accessibility Improvement Project*
- *Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf – New kitchen and expansion*
- *Lund Residential Treatment Program - Safety Upgrades*

The \$74,722 of unrequested Development funds will roll over into next year’s funding cycle or be reserved as contingency funds.

IV. An example of CDBG Impact (Choose a project I especially like...)

**(5) Department of Public Works Update
- Director Chapin Spencer**

Summary:

Discussed upcoming work for street infrastructure and answered questions.



Chapin Spencer

Thanks to the bonds voters passed in November, we're about to embark on process that will task your patience! (Hands out materials)

Burlington has 110 miles of water mains, 42% of which are over 75 years old. Because of the bond, we'll be able to do about 12 miles of replacement.

On sidewalks, we usually do 1 mile/year. This year we do 3 miles as well as 5.6 miles new pavement.

There are maps online to see the 5-year and the 2017 version of all the work.

Bill: Is the Water Department the only one that doesn't have electronic payments?

Chapin: You can sign up for automatic direct withdrawal. There's a battle in the city right now re whether people paying with a credit card should pay a surcharge.

The Old North End is our stormwater savior: 65 feet of sand!

Elisa: What is the estimate for timing for the relining the Pine St water mains?

Chapin: No estimate yet. Once we have contracts, we will then negotiate with them re phasing; they might have an approach for grouping work.

Re issues with pedestrians getting to the Birchcliff Pkwy crosswalk, we're developing an alternative plan, and we'll be meeting with residents about it within the next few weeks.

Q: What determines whether a water line's re-lined or replaced?

Chapin: We have to first answer questions. Is it in corrosive soil? Do we need to up-side it? Is it in good shape already? South End soils are clay, so they shift a lot during freezing/thawing...and can break water lines. We're the first city in VT to use re-lining (a sheath that slides within the pipe).

Q: Champlain Parkway updates?

C: Not at this time. We're securing the last rights-of-way, construction easements.

Alison: Re the Safe Routes to School Project: The path is actually owned by the Birchcliff Parkway Dwellers Association, and the owner's a non-entity. So question is who has standing? I represent a group of residents.

Chapin: As with many projects, they end up evolving. We haven't had our internal meeting yet. We're not scheming behind the scenes, just managing chaos of construction season. We'll definitely have a public meeting!

Alison: Will there be a traffic-calming study?

Chapin: It may be possible to include some calming features into the project. But challenge is: We have 60 outstanding traffic requests, 10 of which are traffic calming, all of which take a lot of time. So...we're not likely to get to the calming study in a timely fashion.

Motion to adjourn adopted at 8:45 PM.

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NPA 6, Minutes

June 1, 2017, Aiken Hall, Champlain College

Facilitator: Michelle Mraz; Minutes: Charles Simpson; Videographer: Phet Keomanyvahn; Technical Support: Dylan B.

1. Minutes from the May 4, 2017 meeting were presented and approved.
2. Public Forum:
 - a. Lisa Kingsbury on behalf of UVM gave an update on construction projects. The STEM project is partly done, new housing will open for the Fall semester; Cook is coming down, and Slade Hall will be renovated this summer.
3. Stephanie Seguino on behalf of the School Board gave a report. One BHS senior, Anders Ode, has been selected as a White House Scholar, representing Vermont, one of 161 in the U.S. The capital planning for BHS is underway. This is separate from the expenditure of the \$19 million approved by voters in March for other system maintenance. Needs at BHS include handicapped access. There are several possible plans. One is for \$95 million; less extensive renovation plans call for expending \$58 million. A planning group organized by the Superintendent is in place.

Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) funds were found by the courts to be ineligible for support of school system programs. They amount to about \$1 million in Burlington and the City and the School Board are discussion ways to use this in other ways to benefit students or future students, as for example, by funding school-readiness day care and/or New American adjustment. The results of this discussion haven't been determined.

Mediation between the Board and the teachers' union, BEA, were not successful so have been moved to a Fact Finder. The Board offer was 1.75% in year one; 2% in year two. The BEA is asking for 5.3% at the start of the contract. The Fact Finder will report 7/7. We hope for a resolution prior to the beginning of the Fall school year.

Rumors have circulated about teacher unhappiness and that 40% of BHS teachers have resigned. That is false. Of 392 teachers there, 12 will be leaving for other jobs or other reasons and 19 will be retiring. That is a normal attrition percentage. The Board members have a lot of expertise. When you hear a rumor, please check with the Board members before you take it as true and recirculate it.

On the state-wide health care proposal: We are involved in strategic or multi-year planning, which is best for cost containment. As a policy issue, it is not useful to have proposals that address the current rather than the future fiscal year.
4. James Lockridge presented a proposal that Ward 6 NPA endorse the following: "We ask that as you resolve the structural issues with Memorial Auditorium by repairing or redeveloping the building, please keep 242 Main in its current location, operating as a teen-led program that can continue its legacy of serving Burlington's youth in its uniquely powerful and historic way, providing an outlet for their creative and social vision. Please make the 'community benefit' a priority within the redevelopment process." Motion seconded and approved.
5. Charles Simpson, representing All NPA, asked that Ward 6 NPA approve a motion to support the effort of All NPA to organize public outreach and participation in any plans

for the rehabilitation or redevelopment of Memorial Auditorium as a civic space. Motion seconded and approved.

6. Noelle MacKay, Director of CEDO discussed progress on New Moran. Public proposals for developing the building were called for in 2013 and New Moran, Inc. was selected. The MOU with them was ended in February 2016 and a new RFP issued, which elicited only one bid, again from New Moran, Inc, with a shift of participating partners. Negotiations continue as does efforts by New Moran to obtain needed private funding. TIF funds are available, Higher Ground, operating as Moran Plant Productions, has given a letter of intent as event manager, and plans are for Farmers' Market to occupy the space year-round. A restaurant tenant is also planned. There are 2-3 months of negotiations still ahead. CEDO has also created demolition plans. The venue holds 600-700 people and could include an outdoor ice skating rink. It won't replace Higher Ground's other facility.

Continuing, Mackay said that Memorial Auditorium has been studied three times to assess needed repairs. A bond request in past years failed to obtain voter approval. It will take between \$6 and \$10 million to secure the facility. An RFP issued last fall resulted in negotiations with UVM for a sports facility but UVM and the City failed to come to an agreement. It was for the entire block. Council approved this overture to UVM. While Moran is on contaminated soil, that's not a problem with Memorial (MA) and so MA is more developable. But the site is still complex in its ownership. CEDO has had other pressing priorities and hasn't pushed ahead on MA. They did meet with Rights & Democracy about having them handle the public input but nothing has been done so far. they are looking at the fall for a public process. The fire station could be part of the project, perhaps reused for other purposes. Question/Comment: The bond you mentioned seems to be the one that failed in 1994 and was for several improvement projects, not just Memorial, and while it gained a majority of votes, didn't make the 60% threshold needed for a general revenue bond. Answer: we also need to hear from other groups working with teens, such as the Fletcher Library staff. Q. Does this mean that CEDO is willing to work with the All NPA on organizing public participation in any rehabilitation or redesign process? A. It depends on the timing. We could use NPAs as a public forum. The future of Memorial isn't tied to Moran in any way. There is no tradeoff. The two are in different TIF districts.

7. Michelle Mraz read a statement from Sandy Yusen, representing Champlain College (CC). To summarize, work at Eagles Landing is progressing quickly and on-schedule. Weekly updates are on the college website. Joyce Leaning Center is being renovated; 56 Summit Street is getting a new roof; they are expanding other offices and redesigning our IDX Dining Hall. Fire alarm testing will take place in June and may cause some noise. CC will utilize Lakeside parking where possible for summer events. Updates will be posted on Front Porch Forum. Her contact is: syusen@champlain.edu.

8. Michelle Mraz also read a statement from Councilor Karen Paul. June 1 is the deadline for Burlington Telecom (BT) purchase or partnership proposals, after which BT Advisory Board (BTAB) and Council will review them in the light of published criteria. The community will have the chance to be a part of the process. Joan Shannon and Karen Paul are both on the BTAB. Council will also be reviewing the New Moran proposal, expected in mid-June. Board of Finance will review and

possibly vote on the Mayor's budget. Burlington Town Center redevelopment continues with ground breaking in the "not-too-distant future." Bike path repair continues with most of the work on the entire path to the Winooski bridge expected to be done this year. Her newsletter to residents will come out next week. Karen apologized for having to miss the NPA; Joan is at a Form Based Code meeting and sent her regrets.

9. Legislators Mary Sullivan and Johannah Leddy Donovan gave an update on the legislative session in Montpelier. The Governor's proposal to treating teachers' health contracts as a state-wide issue should have been submitted to the committee process. Both legislators are opposed. Timing was a problem as was the governor inserting himself in what should be a local negotiations process. We find ourselves on the edge of a budget veto and will return to Montpelier 6/21. Both voted for the marijuana bill that legalized small numbers of plants in personal possession as many surrounding states are or have legalized. We had a process moving from this bill to address commercial sales and tax revenue but that is now derailed. "The veto was a tragedy." We will look at Act 250 in the coming session to ready it for the next 50 years. The existing act doesn't address forest fragmentation or water contamination effectively; nor toxic substances that can be handled by children. Agency fees are being examined in a systematic way on a three-year cycle. Fees are not intended to generate revenue but to cover the costs of an agency's services. We had unpaid family leave beginning in 1995. Now the House, but not the Senate, has passed paid family leave, funded by a payroll tax. We need to fund the effort to clean up Lake Champlain beyond the \$45 million bond issue available. Additional money could come from a property parcel tax, but the governor's "no new taxes" declaration ties the hands of the legislature. We need to look at tax expenditures as well, including tax exemption for non-profits. Q. Effects of federal budget reductions? A. We'll know in mid-Oct. but he [Trump] may flounder with his budget. Vermont is very dependent on federal dollars. Q. Can Vermont respond to the USA getting out of the Climate Change Agreement? A. We have strong state renewable energy plans but these need to be written into law, such as the 2050 goals. Q. Progress toward a livable wage? A. We need a \$15 minimum wage. To some extent we were distracted with the health care legislation. We will continue to push for this. Q. Doesn't the Governor have valid safety issues with marijuana? A. His requests for changes came very late, after the bill was out of committee. The bill would have made access to marijuana by youth actually more difficult. Vetoing the budget is actually a very unique move by any governor. Q. Didn't the AG oppose the marijuana bill? A. He said not act in haste. Q. Aren't taxes on property regressive? A. Yes. We are looking at a very small tax in the interest of water cleanup.
10. Announcement. Mark Sousa of Green Mountain Transit will discuss GMT's plans for electric buses at our September 7 meeting.
11. Nominations for Steering Committee members were called for. Matt Grady volunteered. His nomination was moved, seconded, and approved.
12. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Simpson