



Wards 2 & 3 NPA  
McClure Multigenerational Center  
January 14, 2016

Draft MINUTES

*Meeting commenced at 6:55 pm*

#### Open Public Forum

- Praise of the Sustainability Academy
- Discussion of an increasing aging population in Chittenden County and the services they will need as this trend continues
- Charlie Giannoni will be leaving the NPA

#### Public Officials Update

- State Representatives: Jean O' Sullivan, Curt McCormack, Jill Krowinski
  - Commerce Committee – Challenge of the aging demographic
    - Prices of housing discourages the younger population from settling
    - 75% of young people graduating today are not job-ready
    - Career and adult education centers are being proposed
  - Transportation Committee
    - TIGER Grant of 10 million dollars to finish the rail between Rutland and Burlington
    - Work on Complete Streets
    - Proposal of a 2 cents tax increase on gas
    - Enforcement of existing traffic laws to decrease incidents of fatalities
  - Human Services Committee
    - Increase social workers in schools
    - Safe recovery of syringes – syringe exchange program funding
    - Prescription drug use epidemic
    - Dental Therapist Bill
  - Legalization of marijuana informal survey

- City Councilors: Max Tracy and Sara Giannoni
  - Pedestrian safety and inclusive roads
  - Form Based Code
  - Heroin epidemic
    - Stop-and-searches of people of color
    - Community response without further marginalizing people
    - Especially affects the Old North end
    - Role of the Police Commission
  - Burlington Telecom
  - The downtown mall plans were recently released

#### Burlington School District Report

- Superintendent Obeng
  - The school district as a "growth district"
  - Revenue generating items to increase the school budget – advertising
  - Community partnerships
  - Budget reductions and increases
  - 10 opportunities for the public to share input
- Nathan Lavery
  - The budget landscape
  - 2.5 million difference between revenue and expenditures
  - School district no longer receives money from PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes)
  - Act 46 - change in language on the ballot - voting on a 1.72% property tax rate

*Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm*

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