

Scott Gustin

From: Amie Schiller <aschill1@uvm.edu>
Sent: Friday, March 06, 2015 2:42 PM
To: Scott Gustin
Cc: Jen Francis; David E. White
Subject: Re: Burlington: Vermont Village Greens Initiative

Hi Mr. Gustin and Ms. Francis!

Thanks again for your quick response! Optimally, I'd love the opportunity to meet with both of you, or all three of you at once- if that's possible? This might be a good first step, allowing the three of us to decide wether or not this is a good article to be placed on the agenda for April 6th? Does that make sense?

Ms. Francis- I am referring to our beautiful City Hall Park! The other 8 locations are: Bristol's Village Green, Middlebury's Village Park, New Haven's Village Park, Burlington's City Hall Park, Jericho Center's Town Green, Shelburne's Village Green, Barre's Vermont City Park, Barre's Currier Park, and Waterbury's Rusty Parker Memorial Park!

My intent of this project overall, is to raise awareness of these greens in our towns. They're a really important part of our colonial history dating back to Colonel Benning Wentworth's Land Grants, which created the townships in the past- and should persist heartily into the future!

I really look forward to talking with you both after I get back from my trip! Please keep in touch about this meeting time! I hope we can work something out!

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On Feb 26, 2015, at 9:34 AM, Scott Gustin <SGustin@burlingtonvt.gov> wrote:

Hi Amie,

If you're looking to meet with the Conservation Board, they meet the 1st Monday of every month at 5:30 PM in City Hall. They meet again this coming Monday, March 2. They always have a public comment period on their agenda. If you'd like a more extensive discussion with the Board, I could place your project as a specific agenda item for their April 6 meeting. If those times don't work, I'm happy to meet with you one of the days you've noted below.

Scott

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From: Jen Francis
Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 12:26 PM
To: 'Amie M Schiller'
Cc: Scott Gustin; David E. White
Subject: RE: Burlington: Vermont Village Greens Initiative

Hi Amie,

Sounds like an interesting project! By village green are you referring to Burlington's City Hall Park? Want to ensure we are thinking about the same location... Can you share your other 8 test pilot site locations? In terms of meeting availability, I can generally make Tuesdays and Wednesdays after 1:45 work, but not Thursdays.

Best,

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From: Amie M Schiller [<mailto:aschill1@uvm.edu>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 11:53 AM
To: Jen Francis; Scott Gustin; David E. White
Subject: Burlington: Vermont Village Greens Initiative

Dear Burlington Parks Planner, Conservation Commission Members, and Director of Planning and Zoning,

My name is Amie Schiller and I am senior student at the University of Vermont. I am working on the Vermont Village Green Initiative with the Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development and the Vermont Urban & Community Forestry Program. The Village Green Initiative, researches, documents, and promotes the cultural, environmental, and historical importance of Vermont's village greens across Vermont. Since the fall of 2013, I have been coordinating students in community service-learning courses to collect ethnographic, historic, and environmental data, from nine "pilot study" village greens, and then compiling a comprehensive report detailing the benefits of the village greens to their respective communities.

The Initiative has also identified all of Vermont's 148 village greens across the state, and can be viewed on the interactive map on the Agency of Natural Resources Natural Resource Atlas and a report with seven Vermont village green case studies in central Vermont.

You are receiving this email because your village green in Burlington was one of our pilot sites. As my senior capstone project this semester, I need to meet with community leaders in your town to share the initial findings derived from the report, as well as identify additional resources that may help with future planning and management of each town's village greens into the future. In addition, I will be co-presenting a webinar in April with Richard Amore and Elise Schadler on the Vermont Village Greens Initiative to share the project with the general public.

I'd love to personally meet with you, or a group of your community leaders (conservation commission, planning commission, or other group) in your offices the Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday afternoon (after 1:45) of March 16th, or the same time during the week of March 23rd, or the same time during the week of March 30th. Additionally if you feel like you are not the correct community leader to address this project, I'd appreciate it if you could send me the names and contact information of people you think I should be in communication with.

Thank you for your time, and I hope to meet with you soon.

Sincerely,

Amie M. Schiller
Vermont Village Greens Initiative Intern

Supporting Documents and webpages

ANR's Urban and Community Forestry Website:
<http://www.vtcommunityforestry.org/celebrate/village-greens>

DHCD's Village Green Initiative Website:
http://accd.vermont.gov/strong_communities/opportunities/revitalization/village_greens/

Village Green Comprehensive Report:
http://www.vtcommunityforestry.org/sites/default/files/pictures/vermont_village_greens_report.pdf

Village Green Maps of all 148 Greens:
http://accd.vermont.gov/strong_communities/opportunities/revitalization/village_greens/maps#village_green_maps