

Opening: 9:30-10 Library Meeting Room
“The State of Housing in our State and Region”

Panelists: *Susan Westa, Associate Director, Windham County Regional Commission*
Cat Bryars, Interim Executive Director, Shires Housing
Elizabeth Bridgewater, Executive Director, Windham & Windsor Housing Trust
Jennifer Stromsten, Director of Programs, BDCC with slides from VHFA and DCHD

Thought Exercise: 10-10:15
“Who are We Planning For?” Putting numbers (and a face) to the need
Meg Staloff, BDCC

10:15-10:30 BREAK

Community Panel: 1030-11:15 Library Meeting Room
“Getting Community Buy-in”

Panelists: *Sue Fillion, Planning Director, Town of Brattleboro*
Gordon Black, Lister and Economic Development, Town of Manchester
John Dunbar, Village Trustee and Landlord, member of RIDWG, Bellows Falls
Eric Durocher, Economic Development Director, Town of Dover

11:15-11:30 BREAK

Breakout Sessions: 11:30-12:30

SESSION 1: Towns Taking the Lead: Infrastructure, Zoning, and Preparing for Development (Music Room)

Panelists: *Susan Westa, Associate Director, Windham County Regional Commission*
Jim Sullivan, Executive Director (outgoing), Bennington County Regional Commission
Gary Fox, Director of Development, Town of Rockingham/Bellows Falls

SESSION 2: Uncovering and Creating Housing Within Existing Stock: ADU’s, Landlord Incentives, and Short Term Rental Conversion (Cafeteria stage)

Panelists: *Timm Harris, Brattleboro Area Affordable Housing “Apartments in Homes” Program*
Melanie Paskevich, Neighborworks of Western VT: VHIP program
Paul Montamarano, Windham Windsor Housing Trust: Rehab program and more on VHIP
Meg Staloff, SVEP program Manager, BDCC: Woodstock’s landlord incentive program

SESSION 3: The Role of the Housing Committee: Formation, action steps, and available resources (Library Meeting Room)

Presenter: *Leslie Black-Plumeau, VHFA, presenting the Housingready Toolbox and Housingdata.org*

12:30-1 pm LUNCH



Village Housing Walk and Discussion: 1:10-1:45

A short walk in Wilmington to look at housing stock common to VT village centers and discuss how infill housing can be found in Village centers, and how zoning can affect redevelopment.

For those who don't want to walk, networking with experts and others who are in the room

Closing: 2-3 pm

“Tales from the Trenches: Unpacking Local Projects”

Panelists: *Todd Garreiss, Wilmington, VT landlord*
Chloe Learey, Executive Director, Winston Prouty: Prouty campus redevelopment project
Cat Bryars, Interim Executive Director, Shires Housing: Recent success stories
Shannon Barsotti, Town of Bennington: The proposed Benn-Hi project

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