

VHFA Board of Commissioners Retreat Agenda

Thursday, October 19, 2023

Time*	Activity
8:00	Meet at Richmond Park & Ride (1610 West Main Street, Richmond) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 cars to carpool (Tom driving separate): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maura drive Emily, George, and Gus ○ Katie drive Jeanne, Lindsay, and Seth ○ Chris drive Mike and Marie
9:00	Stop at Montpelier Park & Ride (20 Dog River Road, Montpelier) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pick up Gus, Marie, Lindsay & Emily
11:00-11:45	Tri-Park Co-Op Housing Tour (42 Village Dr, Brattleboro). Meet at office, then drive to utility/maintenance area where future home staging will occur. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary Houghton (Tri-Park Board Member & Retired Housing Professional), • Dan Ridlehoover (M&S Development) <p>Focus: Challenges facing MHCs in Vermont. Flood Resiliency. Dynamics of getting communities to make decisions/use state and federal resources.</p>
11:45-12:00	Drive
12:00-12:30	Lunch at Red Clover Commons (30 Fairground Rd, Brattleboro)
12:30-1:45	Panel discussion of disaster recovery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angie Harbin, Executive Director of Downstreet Community Development • Christine Hazard, Executive Director of Brattleboro Housing Partnerships • Jason Dolmetsch, President of MSK Engineers • Jacob Hemmerick, Community & Policy Manager for DHCD Community Planning and Revitalization, also Mayor of Barre <p>Focus: How are Vermont's communities, housing developers, and design adapting to new climate risk realities throughout the state?</p>
1:45-2:00	Red Clover Commons Tour
2:00-3:15	Housing and support for Vermonters Exiting Homelessness + Vermont's Affordable Housing Property Management Ecosystem <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Riegel, Director of Housing Policy & Planning • Elizabeth Bridgewater, Executive Director of Windham and Windsor Housing Trust • Joshua Davis, Executive Director of Groundworks Collaborative • Health Care & Rehabilitation Services of Vermont – invited <p>Focus: Overview how the local, regional, and state partners are working together to create housing for Vermonters exiting homelessness. What is the state of affairs on the front lines, how are current approaches working, and where is Vermont's affordable housing property management/services industry headed?</p>

3:15-3:30	Drive
3:30-4:15	Walking tour of Brattleboro (Start at Transportation Center Parking Garage, corner of Elliot and Flat Streets – Flat Street Entrance, Brattleboro): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snow Block with Elizabeth Bridgewater • Flat Street with Skye Morse (M&S) • Brattleboro Food Co-op Housing with Elizabeth Bridgewater
4:15-4:45	Drive
4:45-5:00	Tour Bellows Falls Garage (115 Rockingham St, Bellows Falls) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elizabeth Bridgewater
5:00-5:45	Discussion of high cost of housing and implications of project delays (in Bellows Falls Garage Community Room)
5:45-6:15	Drive
6:15	Check in to the Grafton Inn (92 Main St, Grafton)
6:30	Reception then dinner

Friday, October 20, 2023

All events are at Grafton Inn, 92 Main St, Grafton, VT 05146

Time*	Activity
8:00-8:45	Breakfast
8:45-9:15	Presentation on Seth Leonard Fellowship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everyone Develops Community
9:15-9:30	Start Board Business Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmation of Publication of Notice of Meeting and Agenda (Demas) • Confirmation of Agenda Order (Buckley) • Review and Approve Minutes Sept. 18 Minutes – Enclosure • Consent Agenda – Capital Magnet Fund – Enclosure • Public comment
9:30-10:30	Community Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Granite City, Barre – (Roush) Enclosure • Hospital Heights, Rutland – (LaVecchia) Enclosure • Central & Main, Windsor – (Slade) Enclosure
10:30-10:50	Report from Audit/Risk Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acceptance of 2023 Audit and Discussion from Risk Report (Leavitt, Flannery) – Enclosure
10:50-11:20	4 th Quarter Financial Report, financial metrics, and annual VHIF contribution (Flannery) – Enclosure
11:20-11:35	Staff Report (Collins) – Enclosure
11:35-12:30	Lunch and Board Photo
12:30 – 1:15	Executive Session (Employee Review) (Commissioners that are not members of the HR Committee are not required to attend)
1:15	Adjourn

FYI-Report on Action Plan Goal 1 (Seth L) – Enclosure

*All Times approximate.