

## VERMONT HOUSING & CONSERVATION BOARD

### Board Retreat Agenda October 12 & 13, 2020

Any member of the public that would like to join this meeting should contact Anne Duffy at [anne@vhcb.org](mailto:anne@vhcb.org); 802-522-5512 or Francis Sharpstene at [francis@vhcb.org](mailto:francis@vhcb.org); 802-522-6867 to receive the link to the Zoom meeting.

#### Monday, October 12

- 8:30 Coffee and Year in Review - Karen, Martin, Jen, Gus, and Neil
- 9:00 Conservation and Agriculture Pre- and Post-Pandemic (small group break outs, 20 minutes each)
- a. Future of Ag - Diane Bothfeld
  - b. Recreation & Access: Rebuilding Blocks for Vermont's Rural Economy and Quality of Life - Karen Freeman and Bill Dell'Isola
  - c. Role of REDI in Small Town Community Development - Liz Gleason
- 10:00 Group discussion: How do we propel forward VHCB's conservation and historic preservation mission?
- 10:30 Break
- 10:50 How are our partners responding to the challenges of the need for diversity, inclusion, and empowerment in and across housing and conservation? What role can VHCB play as a funder in accelerating these efforts and in making Vermont a more welcoming and inclusive place?
- Michael Monte CHT, Elizabeth Bridgewater WWHT, Gil Livingston, VLT President Emeritus, Stephanie Morningstar, New England Farmers of Color, Rep. Hal Colston, Founder, Good News Garage
- 12:35 Break and lunch
- 1:45 Housing Topics: Small group discussions, 20 minutes each
- a. Homelessness Case Study – Tom Yahn and Josh Davis
  - b. Organizational Health and Metrics - Jenny Hyslop and Leah Sare
  - c. Sustaining Vermont's Mobile Home Parks - Jen Hollar
- 2:45 How do we propel VHCB's housing and historic preservation mission forward?
- 3:15 Break
- 3:45 Wrapping up: Reflections and lessons learned from decades of good work  
Virtual toasts to Brenda Torpy and Nancy Everhart
- 5:00 Adjourn

**Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2020**

- 8:30 Community Needs Across Vermont in Response to the Pandemic and Post-Pandemic  
Paul Costello, VCRD and Sarah Waring, VCF  
Discussion of VHCB's Role in Vermont's Future
- 10:00 Break
- 10:30 Getting VHCB Succession Ready - Nancy Mosher (Executive Session)
- 12:00 Break
- 12:25 Lunch and Introductions of Board and New Staff:  
Aaron Guman, Erin Riley, Ian Jakus, Kim Foss, Bill Dell'Isola, Mariah Noth, Matt Hill, and Adam Cook
- 1:05 VHCB Business Meeting  
CRF Project – Champlain Inn: ANEW Place (2021-052-001)
- 1:45 Adjourn