

VERMONT HOUSING & CONSERVATION BOARD
Board Retreat
November 3 & 4, 2021
Agenda

Any member of the public that would like to join this meeting by conference call should email Laurie@vhcb.org by noon on Tuesday, November 2.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

- 8:30 Welcome David Marvin, Board Chair
- 8:40 Vermont's red hot real estate market. How has it accelerated? What is driving it? What does it mean for VHCB's housing and conservation work?
Leslie Black-Plumeau, Community Relations and Research Manager, VHFA
Jesse Larson, Appraiser
John Vogel, Adjunct Professor, Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth
Kate McCarthy, AICP, Program Officer, Vermont Community Foundation and VHCB Board member
- 10:20 Break
- 11:00 Report of the Governor's Commission on the Future of Vermont Agriculture and VHCB
Anson Tebbetts, Secretary of the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
Ellen Kahler, Executive Director of the Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund
- 12:15 Lunch Break
- 1:30 Diversity Equity and Inclusion
Updates from Karen Freeman, Francis Sharpstene and Jenny Hyslop on work underway by VHCB and partners
Report on investments from NEFCU and High Meadows by Michael Monte of the Champlain Housing Trust and Nick Richardson of the Vermont Land Trust
- 2:45 Progress and concerns on homelessness
Sarah Phillips, Director, Office of Economic Opportunity, AHS
Updates from Jenny and Maura Collins on the need for services and a pending report from the Corporation for Supportive Housing
- 3:30 Break
- 4:00 Board member open space – how can we improve meetings and materials? Any organizational concerns or reflections? Discussion of the last very busy year and the year ahead?
- 5:15 Adjourn

DAY 2 - THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

- 8:30 Federal policy and infrastructure investment update
Pollaidh Major and Tom Berry, Office of Senator Patrick Leahy

9:30 Water Quality and Lake Memphremagog

Neil Kamman, Director of the Water Investment Division, Department of Environmental Conservation, ANR

Kendall Lambert, Lake Memphremagog Clean Water Program Manager, VHCB

10:30 Break

11:00 Closing reflections. Thoughts and actions for the coming year.

12:15 Adjourn