

15:02:03 From Maggie Wilson to Everyone : Thank you for joining us this afternoon! Attendees will receive an email with the recording of today's event when it becomes available. The recording will also be uploaded and viewable at this page: <https://www.vtchamber.com/virtual-policy-series-bonus-content.html>

15:02:18 From Maggie Wilson to Everyone : Please share any questions you have here in the chat! Also, please select "All Panelists and Attendees" from the drop-down menu so that all can see your question.

15:17:57 From Jason Dolmetsch to Everyone : Are you considering any attempt to bring individual divisions in the agency of natural resources into alignment with downtown housing priorities? My experience has been that the wetlands or rivers programs can be just as obstructive as the Act 250 process in developing housing in designated growth centers. Their programmatic rules do not consider the net impacts of development on these natural resources in downtowns vs development outside of designated downtowns which do not impact these resources.

15:19:43 From Janet HURley to All panelists : Will money be allocated to specifically convert motel units to adequate housing units?

15:21:35 From Janet HURley to All panelists : What do you think is the likelihood that redevelopment of downtown floodplain areas could be included in the Downtown Program designations?

15:25:08 From Meg McGovern to All panelists : You are preaching to the choir, how do we change the appeal process in the downtown districts? 2 new appeals to City Place project...going on 6 years of delays. The same issue, over and over...

15:28:46 From Abbott Stark to All panelists : What are your thoughts on single family housing in our densest city centers, such as Burlington? Is the Accessory Dwelling Unit law enough to meaningfully grown the city center and surrounding high/med/low density neighborhoods or is more expanding of zoning needed?

15:30:29 From Renee Vondle to Everyone : I worked in zoning in springfield at that time. it wasn't zoning that held that up. It was NIMBY's.

15:31:20 From Renee Vondle to Everyone : i mean Woodstock

15:33:48 From John Burton to Everyone : Should we have more regional affordable housing groups that work with employers to solve housing issues? Do we need more inclusionary zoning?

15:35:06 From Renee Vondle to Everyone : if we reduce or eliminate parking in our downtown area so there can be more upper floor residential unit in existing buildings , would there be money from this pot to build parking garages?

15:35:25 From Janet HURley to All panelists : Multifamily with parking on first level.

15:39:51 From Julia Marks to Everyone : Are there incentives for hotel owners to convert their existing, underutilized hotels/motels into long-term apartments? I believe there was a developer in in South Burlington that was attempting to convert a hotel to apartment building.

15:44:02 From Greg Tatro to All panelists : I believe we need more workforce housing, so if we raise the limit of income that would help. We all need workers and with out workforce housing it will be impossible to grow.

15:45:53 From Janet HUrley to All panelists : Coversion of 40 motel units to housing here was approved by the town but has been stalled for over year over water permitting issues. ANy ideas as to how to get ANR permitting to prioritize these projects?