



Town Officer Education Conference

Virtual Conference Agenda

Please [Register](#) through Zoom.

Monday - April 12, 2021

Monday

Session One:

8:30– 10:30 a.m.

The New Grand List Program Update and Getting Ready for the Conversation

The presenters will speak about the status of the grand list program followed by PVR discussing steps you may take to get ready for the conversation.

Joint presentation by Vermont Department of Taxes, Property Valuation and Review (PVR) and Axiomatic LLC. Speakers include:

- Jill Remick, Director PVR,
- Christie Wright, Field Director, PVR
- Teri Gildersleeve, Property Valuation Operations Chief
- Pat Santoso, Principal, Axiomatic LLC of Portsmouth, N.H.

Monday

Session Two:

10:30 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

Digitization of Land Records- A Town Clerk Panel

Many towns have started digitizing for the first time during the COVID pandemic thanks to CARES funding. Join us for a discussion with veteran clerks using a variety of vendors on the process, the need and how to ensure the best results in your community.

Town Clerk panelists include:

- Donna Kinville (S. Burlington)
- Bobbi Brimblecombe (Marshfield)
- Lucrecia Wonsor (Killington)
- Sara Haskins (Morristown)
- Sandy Pinsonault (Dorset)

Monday

Session Three:

1:30 p.m.- 2:30 p.m.

Creative Placemaking

Join AARP's Kelly Stoddard Poor to learn about Creative Placemaking, a hands-on approach to enhancing public spaces. We hope to inspire those who have a vision for their community by providing ways to begin to realize those positive changes. We will focus on how communities can reopen public spaces safely and make them welcoming and comfortable year-round for people of all ages, background and race. This workshop is designed to provide those new to placemaking with ideas and tools to get started as well as for placemakers who want to build upon their existing skill set. Tips and tools will be described to implement placemaking projects; we will provide 'recipes' for practical application in small town settings from our recently completed DIY Community Cookbook. You will also hear from VT communities who've successfully led pop-up demonstration projects.

Presented by: Kelly Stoddard Poor, Director of Outreach, AARP

Tuesday - April 13, 2021

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Session One:

8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

VALA – Impacts of COVID-19: Property Valuation- An Assessor's View, and NEMRC

John Vickery, Burlington City Assessor, will lead discussion over the impact on the Burlington Reappraisal project and how the city adapted their processes in this environment; Chris Miele, NEMRC, will lead discussion on the use of technology to assist in property appraisals and particularly in completing field inspections, during COVID.

Presenters include:

- John Vickery, City Assessor, Burlington, VT
- Chris Miele, Vice President, New England Municipal Resource Center

Tuesday

Session Two:

10:30 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

The 2020 Census and You

This conversational workshop will include an overview and update on the 2020 Decennial Census in Vermont, historical facts and figures to provide context on population trends in the state, and descriptions of where to find and use Census data to understand your community.

Presenters include:

- Michael Moser, Coordinator, Vermont State Data Center; Research Specialist, UVM's Center for Rural Studies
- Jason Broughton, State Librarian & Commissioner of Libraries, Vermont Department of Libraries
- Fred Schmidt, AARP Vermont, UVM Professor Emeritus

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1:30 p.m.- 2:30 p.m.

KEYNOTE: The Hard Work of Making Vermont Look Natural

This presentation will examine the tensions Vermonters increasingly faced in the twentieth century to reconcile the competing attractions of contradictory goals. Among these contradictions were the allure of progress vs. tradition, development vs. preservation, and local control vs. regional and statewide planning.

Professor Paul Searls, Department of History, Northern VT University

Wednesday - April 14, 2021

No Sessions

Thursday - April 15, 2021

Thursday

Session One:

8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Decisive Leadership and Strong Community Partnerships; Key elements to Vermont's response to COVID-19

Presentation by:

Tracy Dolan, Deputy Commissioner, Vermont Department of Health

Thursday

Session Two:

10:30 a.m.- 12:00
p.m.

COVID-19, Vermont's Data-Driven Response, and Where We're Headed

Dr. Kelso will lead a conversation on how Vermont was prepared for the COVID-19 pandemic and what we've learned over the past year. She will also speak about how the state's response was grounded in science and data, where we are in the vaccination effort, and what the near-term future might hold.

Presented by:

Dr. Patsy Kelso, Vermont State Epidemiologist

Thursday

Session Three:

1:30 p.m.- 2:30 p.m.

Lister Forum

An open forum for new and experienced listers and other municipal officials to discuss issues relative to the grand list, the listing process and current issues facing property valuation within the state of Vermont. Participants will be able to voice concerns, ask specific questions and gain knowledge from their peers.

Panelists Include:

- John Vickery, City Assessor, Burlington, VT
- Lisa Wright, Wright Appraisal Company, Florence, VT



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