

Reimagining Our Public Spaces

Vermont Community Development Association Spring Conference
June 17th 2021 9:00am-12:00pm

9:00-9:10 Welcome and Introduction

Jenna Koloski, VCDA President

9:10-10:10 “Lessons Learned from a Real Estate Developer” - Effective strategies to advance public spaces rooted in community needs and desires

Chet Clem, President, Lyme Properties

Chet Clem is President of Lyme Properties, a West Lebanon, NH based green, community-conscious developer with a history of innovative and transformative real estate projects. A contributing member of Proud Places and 3rd generation leader of the *Damn It, Do It* movement, Chet was formerly the Editorial Manager at *The Onion*, has an MBA in Entrepreneurship from Babson College, and was an Environmental Policy major at Bates College. He’s a second-stint Vermonter, living in Norwich with his wife, twins, and a dog named Willie Nelson. He is Vice Chair of the West Lebanon Revitalization Committee, the Town of Norwich representative on the Connecticut River Joint Commission, and a semi-competitive BBQ cook.

10:10-11:00 Project Showcase

Irene Nagle, Moderator

Chad Whitehead, *St. Johnsbury Pavillion Project*

Meg Streeter, *Wilmington School project*

Brian Bontrager, *Bridgewater Corners Community Center*

Shannon Barsotti, *Bennington Pocket Park/Splash Park*

11:00-11:10 Break

11:10-11:55 Project Development from Start to Finish: Moderated Fishbowl Conversation

Bill Moore, Moderator

Ben Doyle, Preservation Trust

Misty Sinsigalli, USDA RD

Richard Amore, DHCD

Greta Brunswick - NWRPC

11:55-12:00 Thank You and Closing - 5 minutes

Josh Hanford, VCDA Vice President