



# Vermont Town and City Management Association Spring Conference

Bliss Room, St Albans Museum (9 Church St.)  
Hampton Inn (43 Lake St.)  
St. Albans City Vermont  
Thursday, May 16, and Friday, May 17, 2019

## Agenda

### Thursday, May 16

- 8:00-8:45 a.m.     **Registration and Full Hot Breakfast**, (Bliss Room, St. Albans Museum)  
*Breakfast includes French toast with maple syrup; eggs scrambled with spinach, tomato, mushroom, cheese and onion; toast; bacon; coffee and orange juice.*
- 8:45 – 9:15 a.m.    **Welcome and Introductions** (Bliss Room)  
*Steve Makenzie, VTCMA President and Barre City Manager, will welcome participants to the conference and facilitate introductions.*
- 9:15-10:45 a.m.    **Community Transformation Through Public / Private Partnerships** (Bliss Room)  
*Over the last five years, St. Albans' has achieved a dramatic transformation. The foundation of this transformation has been the City's willingness to assume risk and form partnerships that attract the development the community desires. This session will provide a behind the scenes look at the City's development projects with particular focus on the strategies, tactics, and tools managers can use to create successful economic development projects. Dominic Cloud, City Manager*
- 10:45-11:00 am    **Break and Coffee Refresher**
- 11:00-12:00 noon **Legislative Wrap-Up** (Bliss Room)  
*Karen Horn and Gwynn Zakov, your VLCT Advocacy Team, will summarize the 2019 legislative session and answer your questions.*
- 12:00 -12:30 pm   **VTCMA Business Meeting and Elections** (Bliss Room)  
*Steve Mackenzie will chair the business meeting, and conduct VTCMA Board elections.*
- 12:30-1:30 p.m.    **Lunch** (Bliss Room)  
*Maura Carroll, VLCT Executive Director will give an update on VLCT initiatives, including the effort to "brand" VLCT.*
- 1:30 -2:30 p.m.    **Water Quality in Northern Lake Champlain, What Collaboration Can Achieve** (Bliss Room)  
*Kent Henderson, Chair Friends of Northern Lake Champlain Board of Directors, Amanda Holland Regional Planner and Catherine Dmitruk, Executive Director, Northwestern Vermont Regional Planning Commission, will discuss education, outreach and collaboration on projects intended to improve water quality in northern Lake Champlain.*
- 1:30 – 2:00 p.m.   **Champlain Country Club Golf Outing**, will offer golf Thursday afternoon, following lunch 1:30 +/- Tee Time, and can accommodate up to 16 people, Golfers should meet at the course with their clubs.
- 2:30 – 3:00 p.m.    **VTCMA Compensation Study – What Works for You?** (Bliss Room)  
*VLCT Municipal Assistance Center Director Abby Friedman, will discuss the manager compensation study and what is most useful to VTCMA members going forward.*

3:00 – 6:00 p.m. **Free time: Downtown St Albans City, St. Albans Town and Golf!**

6:00-9:00 p.m. **Social Hour and VTCMA Dinner** The Old Foundry at One Federal

**Friday, May 17**

8:00-9:00 a.m. **Continental Breakfast** (Bliss Room)

*A hot breakfast is included with the room for those staying at the hotel.*

9:00- 11:00 a.m. **Recreation, Parks, Trails and Right Sized Economic Growth** (Bliss Room)

*A tremendous line up of municipal recreation directors, VT Outdoor Recreation Collaborative (VOREC) representatives, and trails associations will discuss the demand and potential for economic growth that outdoor recreation provides and how to spur the growth of that sector to the benefit of your town. Tim Smith, Mayor St. Albans and former recreation director; Kelly Viens, St. Albans Recreation Director, Brian Story, Johnson Town Administrator; Jessica Savage, VT Recreation Program Manager, Trey Martin, attorney Downs, Rachlin, Martin and VOREC Collaborative member.*

11:00 - 12:15 p.m. **Grand List Software RFP** (Bliss Room)

*Jill Remick, Director Property Valuation and Review (PVR), will discuss where PVR is in the process of reviewing proposals for updated grand list software and what the potential is for its use.*

12:15-1:15 p.m. **Lunch** (Bliss Room)

*Matt Hart, ICMA Northeast Regional Vice President, will give an update on ICMA activities, including a new member engagement process and discuss issues of the most concern to Vermont town and city managers.*

1:30 p.m. **Conclusion and Safe Trip Home**

*Check-in time is 3:00 p.m. Early check-in may be available, but is not guaranteed.  
Check out time is 11:00 a.m.*