

**FEBRUARY 3, 2018 DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY MEETING FEEDBACK**

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<b>AGRICULTURE</b>						
AG COMMERCE	Meat market!!! A shop focused on sourcing products from local farms. CSA Distribution point within the store.		X			
AGRICULTURE UP FRONT	(2) Nothing less than becoming the Goat Capitol of Vermont; RTCC's culinary department can run a cafe based on goat products; branding	X				
COOPERATIVE ACTION	Cooperative ownership agreement for the Depot which could become the local diner/restaurant/cafe, farmer's market, herbal apothecary and bookstore; Food coop for local food, meeting up, lots of other opportunities		X	X		
EVENT SPACE	(like Newbury Mkt in WRJ) Event Space	X	X			
<b>ART</b>						
ARTS & CRAFT SUPPLIES	Place to buy supplies.		X			
MAKERS SPACES - COOPERATIVES	Use part of Belmain's space as a local crafts venue for different crafters to sell their wares as a cooperative; maker space that contains all art materials; Shared space for artists to work 24 hrs/day - utilizing a space like the 18 empty big rooms on the 3rd floor of Napa bldg (2); sustainability arts creative meeting space; Start Arts Association?	X	X	X		
ARTS CENTERED COMMUNITY.	Build our economic development around resources we have. (3) Putney – arts & crafts draws many visitors; jewelry - artisans - VT crafts; glass blowing; Branding	X		X		

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<b>ART</b> continued....						
UNIQUE EVENTS (6)	Summer Festivals/Street painting, etc; music, concerts, "music on the green"; TED talks & Chandler; Use Chandler for workshops; More attractions & events; broaden Chandler offerings; build on recreation with kids involved in outside rec & events; Karaoke at 3 Bean	X		X		Winter festival or carnival planning has begun.
<b>BUSINESS</b> continued...						
LOOK & FEEL: What the t	looks like Woodstock, Newberry; Stuff open at night; Open up Merchant's Row to smaller stores; no empty storefronts; More family friendly spaces; more businesses, places for young people to work; multi-age groups interacting through a combination of food, services, activities; magnets to draw people into town; like Littleton, NH with anchor stores; variety of small shops; more coordination between current businesses; multi-use bldgs. (retail/apts); craftiness/artiness; Make Randolph a destination (dining, experience)	X	X	X	X	
BRANCH OUT: A branch of [successful store] in downtown Randolph	Lenny's (2); Farmway (2)		X			

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<b>BUSINESS</b>	continued...					
<b>BUSINESS DIRECTORY</b>	many local folks don't know what opportunities are here			X		Digital directory site under development
<b>COMMUNITY SPACES - COOPERATIVE</b>	unique coop community space; Town-run family center; Town-run day care center		X	X		
<b>DRAWS</b>	Movie Theater, Kids Gym/Center, Event Center	X	X	X		
<b>RETAIL QUALITIES</b>	caters to Sat/Sun vitality; Variety of Retail with consistent hours of operation (inconsistent days & hours for most); variety; retail - more options (2); new businesses and better/longer hours (2); convenience/variety; Consistency in hours; greater ethnic diversity in business; more stores that attract local folks; artist shops instead of retail; Local business expansion; more coordination between current businesses; small business stores; small startups; Broader than local products; local products		X			
<b>AGRICULTURE UP FRONT</b>		X	X			
<b>ARTS CENTERED COMMUNITY..</b>	artist shops instead of retail; Build our economic development around resources we have	X	X	X	X	

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<b>ECONOMIC</b>						
CO-WORKING SPACES (2)	A co-working space for entrepreneurs who start businesses and attract young people and jobs		X			Someone considering starting a co-working space
DESIGNATE HISTORIC DOWNTOWN		X				
DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENTS	Downtown tax credits for facade improvements through ACCD; Sellers – places to browse but not vacant buildings (3) (Depot, Brooks, Co-op)	X	X	X		
ENHANCE TECH OPPORTUNITIES/JOB (6)	for young adults; edu-training for local industry; entrepreneurs at Giford capture medial innovation; more tech jobs (2); small startups		X	X		
FOOD	Food coop for local food, meeting up, lots of other opportunities; Outdoor farmers market space		X			
MAKE RANDOLPH A DESTINATION	dining, experience; magnets to draw people into town; more stores that attract local folks; Vibrant community with shops and customers, restaurants and lodging (2); Vergennes as a model	X	X	X		
PUBLIC WIFI (4)	areas; café	X		X		

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<b>GREEN</b>						
<b>RE-THINK DOWNTOWN AS A GREENSPACE.</b>	bike path & walking area; downtown green space; recreation hub (trails, etc) that is put to use; Mountain views from downtown. Opening them up to assertively green-up downtown in combo with events and restaurants, we re-invent downtown as mercantile space & destination.	X	X	X	X	Spring/summer "walk-aounds" planned to consider greening ideas
<b>ENHANCE VIEWS</b>	low maintenance landscaping - lots of it, parks; more attractive - accessibility, attractive more trees, old looking character (2); Look homey (trees/flowers) (2); More attractive downtown (2) – trees, green space, accessibility,	X		X		
<b>CLOSE OFF MERCHANTS</b>	(3) Close off Merchant's Row permanently	X		X		
<b>INFRASTRUCTURE</b>						
<b>BROADBAND (7)</b>	wifi areas (4); public wifi; wifi + cafe "high speed internet - affordable"	X	X			
<b>CHILD CARE (7)</b>	"for ages 2+"; drop off (3) " time to give parents time to shop or for meetings;" " Drop-off spot for short-term care to give parents respite"		X			Child play-space business start-up in planning
<b>CLOSE OFF MERCHANTS ROW</b>	(5) "more outdoor dining & maybe festival or festival-feel"; green it; "on Fri & Sat nights in spring & summer"; Open up Merchant's Row to smaller stores	X		X		

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COMMUNITY CENTER	(5) "with ice cream sales" (2); multiple uses; Arts-based central building for existing arts; comfortable space and structure (2) more like Bristol, VT; community horseshoes and corn holes - leagues in evening to keep people outside and visible; play space for pre-schoolers	X				
DESIGNATE HISTORIC DOWNTOWN		X				
FREE COMMUNITY EVENTS	(2) "downtown for all ages"	X	X	X		
INFORMATION	(2) "Displayed info about local trails for running/skiing"; "community space for maps for visitors"; Welcome map (2); business directory - many local folks don't know what opportunities are here	X		X		DT maps dev for kiosk; digital bus dir in dev; RASTA trail map
LANDSCAPING	(7) Beauty/flowers/trees; low maintenance; greenery; more trees (2); "Look homey (trees/flowers)"	X		X	X	
LODGING	(4) lodging in Belmains; "Mari Castle would make an ideal B&B & Windover House would be ideal motel"; B&Bs	X	X			1 site ID'd & concept underway; other hotel ideas ID'd

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OPEN AT NIGHT - LIGHTING AT NIGHT	(3) Properly baffled street lights—light up the streets and sidewalks but not the sky and upper floors (mentions \$ spent on lighting the sky); Restrict street signs that light up (Chandler, Cumberland Farms, Sunoco- all too bright); OPEN AT NIGHT	X	X			
OUTDOOR WORK SPACE		X				
PARKING (2)		X				
PUBLIC BATHROOMS (6)		X	X			Vetted-availability OK
PUBLIC SPACES	(3) "gathering places"; "family spaces"; "place to sit/visit (between meetings, etc)"; (3) "Buy abandoned properties on Park Street to make a dog park"; (19) "Rite Aid / Sunoco out" (4); "park with playground & fruit trees & bushes" (4); "Re-think downtown as a greenspace. Mountain views from downtown. Opening them up to assertively green-up downtown in combo with events and restaurants, we re-invent downtown as mercantile space & destination"; "enhance views"; town green / common (2); outdoor places to sit; odd restaurants/new pocket park; (2) "old looking character"; Full community garden that is free for anyone that contributes	X		X		Community-build pocket park being developed this summer at Pleasant & Merchants Row; another small area by river. FMI go to <a href="http://www.racdc.com/pocket-park">www.racdc.com/pocket-park</a>

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<b>RECREATION:</b>	(3) Hiking and Biking trails and recreation space (make Randolph a recreation destination)	X		X		RASTA working on local trails; RACDC trail by river
<b>SERVICES FOR YOUTH</b>	(3) "Activities center that engages our youth in a healthy, supportive and nurturing way to be civic minded and seek learning" ; " for 10-18 year olds to get engaged and do things in town & reach it on foot!"; Teen Center	X	X	X	X	
<b>STOREFRONTS &amp; FACADES</b>	(4) facade on Pleasant St (2); Downtown tax credits for facade improvements through ACCD; "Common theme on store fronts"; Make downtown inviting; decorate downtown creating lasting products (5)	X	X	X		
<b>STREETS &amp; SIDEWALKS</b>	(7) slower traffic (2); wider cross-walks (2); Better sidewalks/ease of walking downtown to draw people; no delivery behind Belmain's; "pedestrian friendly"	X				
<b>TOWN</b>	more friendly town office - more accessible, less division from Main st.; ADA accessibility; Town Planner who will organize, plan, etc; community health focus	X			x	
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>	(2) railroad; "into/out of town more than StageCoach"	X		X		

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<b>LIFESTYLE</b>						
BEAUTIFICATION	More attractive downtown – trees, green space, accessibility, (mentions “old looking?”)(2); craftiness/artiness; Look homey (trees/flowers); Restriction on street signs that light up (Chandler, Cumberland Farms, Sunoco are all too bright); Designate historic downtown; Make it possible to feel like a walk around downtown is more 'pleasant' and shops can open up facing that street; (2) enhance views	X		X	X	
CHILD CARE	More child care...impossible to find for parents. Drop-off spot for short-term care to give parents respite; Need childcare for 2+ and also for 10-18 year olds to get engaged and do things in town & reach it on foot!		X			
GREEN SPACES (8)	greenery (2), more trees; beautify (3) with life/home/flowers/trees; community garden; park (2); more green space; Full community garden that is free for anyone that contributes; More green space downtown; or more outdoor space with ; Village green/sculpture park; Walking area/green space; bike path & walking area; (2) Community space/park/green-space/etc; Create a park with playground & fruit trees & Bushes; (2) a park where Rite Aid parking lot is...Remove/move gas station & Rite Aid; A community space for maps for visitors	X		X		

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COMMERCE	ice cream (9); diner: place where people walk in & talk, like Depot(4); Vibrant stores; brewery/music venue; Belmains - coop space(5) administered by RACDC - divide into multiple retail shops for artisans, coop, sustainable creative space, wellness center (2)...; bakery (2); Family Restaurant/Diner in The Depot that is open for all three meals; An everything space: retail, farmers mk (2)t,; artist shops instead of retail; Shared space for artsits to work 24 hrs/day - utilizing a space like the 18 empty big rooms on the 3rd floor of Napa bldg; (2) Grocery store downtown would be very helpful to people... A modest sized food coop or community-minded store like Chef's Market; Downtown sidewalk cafe; eating options; food coop (7) for bulk items & local foods; eating options; food trucks; general store "feel"; like Littleton, NH with anchor stores; Store with local products and regular items, groceries, prepared foods – like a general store (current offerings have some aspects but not all); Sunday breakfast spot; a shop focused on sourcing products from local farms. CSA Distribution point within the store.;(4) Indoor farmers market.. 2 - 3 times a week.; Restaurants – outdoors dining Merchants Row(?);.		X	X		Grocery store in downtown - DONE!

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<b>EVENTS (8)</b>	Affordable Community events; After performance place to chill; Arts center; Artsyness; Chandler needs more non-Celtic shows, we go to Barre & Leb. Opera houses; Cross-generational events (2); diversity; festivals (2); winter festival/carnival(3); free community events downtown for all ages (2); live entertainment every Friday & Saturday; lots of events & activies, inside & out; lots of people muti-gen & socio-economic; more people (2); music, concerts, "music on the green"; Small events/culture; Summer Festivals/Street painting, etc; Unique events; Use Chandler for workshops; TED talks & First Wednesdays lectures (VHC) held at Chandler (3); Something to bring people to town. Example from Canada...close street, snow festival; (like Newbury Mkt in WRJ) Event Space	X		X		
<b>FAMILY ACTIVITIES (4)</b>	welcoming, family spaces; Bustling, good family friendly restaurant; history museum more available; More of everything; (2) multi-generational needs;Public horseshoes & corn holes.; karaoke; More attractions & events; broaden Chandler offerings; build on recreation with kids involved in outside rec & events; mlit-age groups interacting through a combination of food, services, activities; family friendly spaces; Climbing Wall; dessert night; Activities center that engages our youth in a healthy, supportive and nurturing way to be civic minded and seek learning	X	X	X		

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<b>MAKE A DESTINATION &amp; REPUTATION (2)</b>	Make downtown inviting; dining experience, new experiences; Sellers – places to browse but not vacant buildings; theme based designation; Vergennes as model; Vibrant community with shops and customers, restaurants and lodging; (2) Welcome basket for newcomers; Putney – arts & crafts draws many visitors; magnets to draw people into town; stuff open at night; Wifi; downtown maps; Better sidewalks/ease of walking downtown to draw people; print - signage - banners; Nothing less than becoming the Goat Capitol of Vermont; Re-think downtown as a greenspace. Mountain views from downtown. Opening them up to assertively green-up downtown in combo with events and restaurants, we re-invent downtown as mercantile space & destination.	X	X	X		
<b>OTHER SERVICES/ISSUES</b>	Bathrooms; (2) Benches in several locations; community health focus; more friendly town office - more accessible, less division from Main st.;	X				

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<b>PLACES TO MEET, GATHER (3)</b>	Attractive spaces to be in (meet up/social); family spaces (2); outside entertainment with food; places for people (5) to talk, greet, share news...under 45 years old; unique coop community space; place to sit/visit (between meetings, etc); teen center (4); farmers market (4); places to sit & eat outdoors/beer tasting; community center (7)... w/ ice cream and multiple uses inside; (4) Close off Merchants Row for more outdoor dining & maybe festival or festival-feel.. permanently and green it...close off Merchant's Row up to 3 Bean on Fri & Sat nights in spring & summer - create festival feeling -outside eating at restaurants. Done elsewhere.; Arts-based central building for existing arts; comfortable space and structure; common/facades on Pleasant/public spaces/open at night; Something to bring school-age kids together in downtown; more games, pool hall, make them feel more included; Get people out.; outdoor pedestrian friendly/sitting places/work space	X		X		

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<b>PLANNING</b>						
<b>LOOK AT EXAMPLES FROM OTHER COMMUNITIES:</b>	PA, Amish community he came from is wasteland. This dynamic is going on all over the place, & is not limited to Randolph or VT. Expertise out there to help with solutions.; Big picture/looking ahead would be good to talk with people from other towns to find out what is working for them; Vergennes as model;	X				
<b>VISION</b>	Make it possible to feel like a walk around downtown is more 'pleasant' and shops can open up facing that street.; Vibrant stores	X	X	X		
<b>ENTREPRENEURSHIP</b>	Need a round-table of people with business expertise to offer help to entrepreneurs; small startups; Shared workspace – people who have home offices and want better wifi and co-workers;		X	X		May 17th entrepreneur event planned. FMI go to
<b>JOB OPPORTUNITIES</b>	job opportunities other than commerce; More tech jobs (2); enhance technical opportunities for young adults; Economic opportunity; sustainable jobs; sm. startups;	X	X			
<b>PLANNING:</b> eco/dev. town plan	economic engine for region; Economic strategy; Arts Centered Community. Build our economic development around resources we have.; Vibrant community with shops and customers, restaurants and lodging; Town Planner who will organize, plan, etc; Designate historic downtown	X				

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<b>PLANNING</b>	continued					
TRAINING	Edu-training for local industry	X		X		
WIFI areas (3)	Wifi/cafe	X	X	X		
<b>RECREATION</b>						
EVENTS	Multi-gen venues; Affordable Community events; Chandler needs more non-Celtic shows, we go to Barre & Leb. Opera houses; Lots of events and activities and places to meet (inside and outside); Summer Festivals/Street painting, etc; More attractions & events; broaden Chandler offerings; build on recreation with kids involved in outside rec & events; winter festival/carnival (3); TED talks & First Wednesdays lectures (VHC) held at Chandler (3); More attractions & events; broaden Chandler offerings; build on recreation with kids involved in outside rec & events.		X	X		
YOUTH ACTIVITIES	Something to bring school-age kids together in downtown; more games, pool hall, make them feel more included; Public horseshoes & corn holes-leagues in evening to keep people outside and visible (3); Youth activities/Civic engagement (#); Rock climbing gym; teen & school age activity center (2); escape room/laser tag	X		X		
INFORMATION	Displayed info about local trails for running/skiing			X		

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<b>RECREATION</b>						
<b>OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES</b>	outside entertainment with food; Public yard games; Get people out; Sport events – tennis, bike, soccer, frisbee; Hiking and Biking trails and recreation space (make Randolph a recreation destination); Walking area/green space; recreation hub (trails, etc) that is put to use	X		X		
<b>PARKS (3)</b>	Dog park (3); people park (2); Create a park with playground & fruit trees & bushes; Village green/sculpture park; Town Green; music, concerts, "music on the green"	X				
<b>PUBLIC SPACES</b>	After performance place to chill; dessert night; some odd restaurants/new pocket park; place to sit/visit (between meetings, etc); downtown green spaces			X		
<b>TOURISM</b>						
<b>ACCOMMODATIONS (B&amp;B's)</b>			X			
<b>PUT AGRICULTURE UP FRONT</b>		X	X			
<b>ARTIST SHOPS INSTEAD OF RETAIL</b>			X			
<b>GREEN SPACES &amp; GREENERY (9)</b>		X		X		
<b>MARKETING</b>	A community space for maps for visitors; Heart-broken at loss of commercial/civic spaces. Can we advertise these better? Make it known to outer world.	X	X	X		Collective Promotion

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<b>TOURISM</b>	continued....					
<b>MAKE DOWNTOWN A DESTINATION.</b>	Something to bring people to town. (12) .Small events/culture; example from Canada...close street, snow/winter festival(4); antique cars; Arts center/(like Newbury Mkt in WRJ) Event Space; Bakery; Live entertainment every Friday & Saturday night; Make Randolph a destination (dining, experience); magnets to draw people into town	X	X	X		
<b>YOUTH</b>						
<b>CHILD CARE (8)</b>	childcare - to drop off; time to give parents time to shop or for meetings; Town run Day care center; More child care...impossible to find for parents. Drop-off spot for short-term care to give parents respite; Need childcare for 2+ and also for 10-18 year olds to get engaged and do things in town & reach it on foot!		X			
<b>CHILDREN/YOUTH ACTIVITIES (15)</b>	Activities center that engages our youth in a healthy, supportive and nurturing way to be civic minded and seek learning; Kids gym/center; play space for pre-schoolers; Pre-K that utilizes Act 166; Rock climbing gym(2); Teen center (2); Youth activities/Civic use; Town run Family center; Teen/school age activity center; Escape Room/Laser Tag; kids playing in the streets & green ways	X		X	X	

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COMMUNITY CENTER (12)	community center more like Bristol, VT; with ice cream sales; with multiple uses inside; Something to bring school-age kids together in downtown; more games, pool hall, make them feel more included	X				Feasibility underway. FMI go to <a href="http://www.racdc.com/commctr">www.racdc.com/commctr</a>
COMMUNITY HEALTH FOCUS		X	X	X	X	
CO-WORKING SPACES (2)	A co-working space for entrepreneurs who start businesses and attract young people and jobs		X			One being considered.
ENHANCE TECHNICAL & JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG ADULTS (3)	Technology builds commerce. Bring tech here using RTCC, VTC, Norwich. Young people come for training but don't stay. Storefronts with computer, architecture, services...; More businesses, places for young people to work	X	X	X		
<b>YOUTH</b>	continued...					
FAMILY ACTIVITIES	More attractions & events; broaden Chandler offerings; build on recreation with kids involved in outside rec & events; Public horseshoes & corn holes (2)- leagues in evening to keep people outside and visible	X		X	X	
ICE CREAM (8)	ice cream (4); parlor/shop/window (5)		X			
YOUTH ENGAGEMENT (2)	tie into school district - gets kids involved	X				