

# FUTURE OF RICHMOND TOWN CENTER & LIBRARY BUILDINGS

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A COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

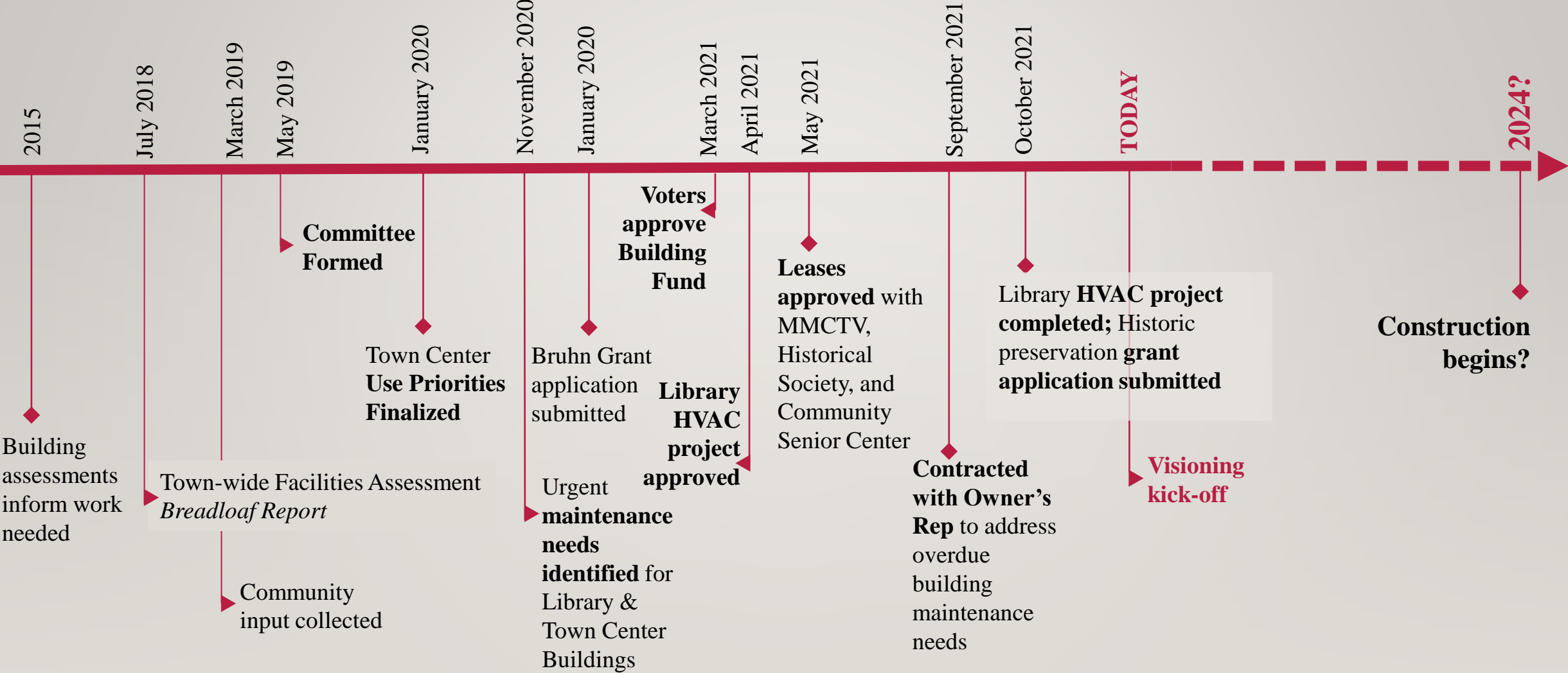
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# AGENDA

- Accomplishments to date
- Where we are today
- Visioning process kicking off

# ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE



# VISIONING PROCESS – WHAT WE’VE HEARD SO FAR

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- Widespread support for preservation of the existing Town Center building
  - ❖ *“This building may not have ‘historical value’ by some definitions, but it's part of what gives the town its character and is in the vital downtown area.”*
- Respondents clearly recognized the **needs of improved HVAC and safety/fire protection** and there was an acknowledgement of certain practicalities like **cost consciousness and improved space/functionality**.
- Desired window replacement for the full building and it’s relationship to efficiency & natural light on every floor

Topic/Priority	# of 'Mentions' in Survey
Energy/Efficiency	22
Windows for Basement/Radiate Arts	19
Window Replacement for full building	8
Safety &/or Fire Projection Improvements	11
Maintaining Historical Building/General Support	8
Meeting needs of Seniors, Historical Society, and others + 4 in favor of Arabesque Dance Studio	7
Police Department Improvements/Considerations	7
HVAC Improvements	6
ADA/Access Considerations	6
Cost Considerations	5
Space/functionality improvements for staff & others	5
Miscellaneous (i.e. 'support all suggested improvements')	3

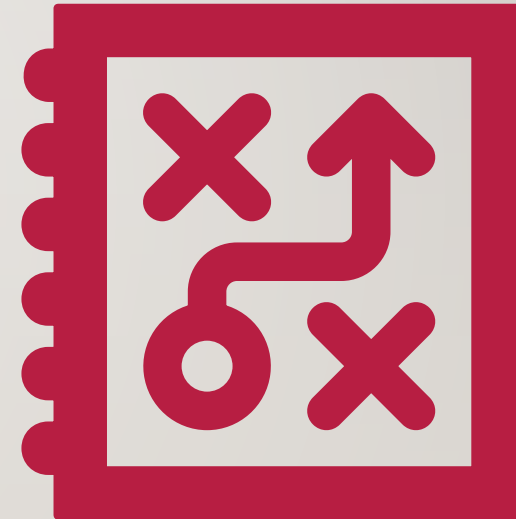
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## 2019 SURVEY RESPONSES -- PRIORITIES

# WHAT WE'RE LEARNING FROM OTHER VERMONT TOWN PROJECTS

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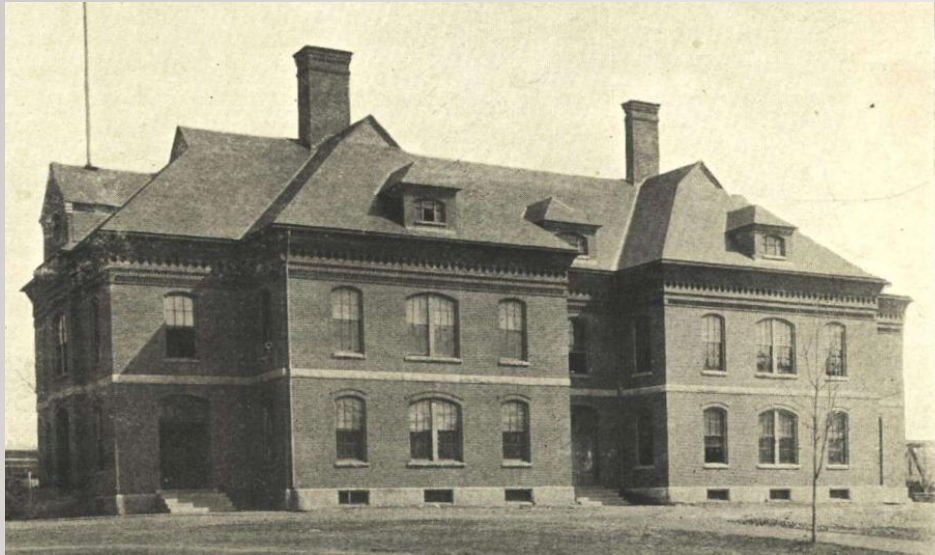
- Plan for a multi-year process of 3-5 years to include:
  - Engagement of community
  - Design of building, specifications, and project scope
  - Identifying funding options (ie. Bond vote, grants, philanthropy)
  - Securing contractors
  - Construction
- Engage subject matter experts to support planning and design phases



# INSPIRATION FROM OTHER VERMONT TOWNS

## TOWN OF HARTFORD

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**Before**



**After**



# INSPIRATION FROM OTHER VERMONT TOWNS

## TOWN OF WATERBURY

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### Site and Community

- Collaborative community process
- Walkable/bikable site
- Public transportation accessible
- Community gathering space
- Infill development
- Employed local craftspeople

### Water and Ecology

- Habitat creation
- Minimal site disturbance
- Native plantings
- Green stormwater infrastructure
- Low-flow fixtures

### Wellness

- Fresh air ventilation system
- Low-VOC finishes
- Passive daylighting strategies

### Energy

- Electric vehicle charging station
- Energy/heat recovery ventilation system
- High performance mechanical system
- LED lighting
- Net-zero energy ready
- Photovoltaics
- Triple-glazed windows

### Materials

- Carbon-smart materials/minimal embodied energy
- Locally-sourced materials
- Materials with high recycled content
- Re-use of materials

### Innovation

- Adaptive re-use of existing building
- Flexible, adaptive design
- Durable design and materials
- Post-occupancy information
- Education site





# INSPIRATION FROM OTHER VERMONT TOWNS

## TOWN OF SHELBURNE

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- **Constructed in 1929**, the 5,700-sf building provided a stately home for numerous town events. The attached Pierson Library was too small for a growing population of area patrons.
- Both buildings were **challenged by moisture, costly operational energy, and poor air-quality**.
- The Town of Shelburne replaced the existing library with a **new net-zero-ready library** of approximately 12,500 sf on two levels.
- The project **honored the historic character** of the Town Hall through integration by all design disciplines for **cost effectively improving comfort, accessibility, and performance**.



# VISIONING PROCESS – WHAT IS NEXT

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## **Inclusive process > seek input from across our community**

From “New-to-town” to “I went to high school in that building”

Business owners and homeowners and pet owners

Village dwellers and those at the edges of our borders



## **Broad & intentional outreach**

Open forums, online feedback and collection of input

Attendance at local organization meetings

Discussion in town committee meetings

# FEEDBACK REQUEST

## HOW CAN WE BEST COLLECT INPUT?

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Who might we talk with?

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How can we solicit input and encourage participation?

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## KEY MILESTONES AT-A-GLANCE

**\*\*TENTATIVE**

- **March 2022** – complete visioning process
- **Summer - Winter 2022** – planning, design and budgeting
- **Winter - Spring 2023** – Community review and discussion
- **Spring – Summer 2023** – Funding source and bond request preparations
- **November 2023** – Vote on funding
- **2024** – Targeted construction start

# FEEDBACK REQUEST

## WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO YOU IN A NEW SPACE?

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- Environmental Impact
- Sustainability
- Aesthetics
- Future Use/Flexibility of Spaces
- Safety
- Ease of Maintenance
- Technology

- Local Economic Impact

- Accessibility

- Functional Use

- ***Your ideas***\_\_\_\_\_

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# OPEN DISCUSSION

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# NEXT STEPS

## THANK YOU FROM THE COMMITTEE

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Continue outreach and collection of input



Ongoing pursuit of grant funding



Recruitment of Committee membership