

September 6 - 8, 2023

Capitol Plaza Hotel in Downtown Montpelier, Vermont

WEDNESDAY – SEPTEMBER 6

- ARRIVAL & CHECK IN AT THE CAPITOL HILTON (MONTPELIER)
- OPENING DINNER – 6PM LOCATION TBD
- WELCOME FROM BILL MENNER (PRA CHAIR - IOWA), NANCY SMITH (MAINE), BRIAN LOWE (VERMONT)
- DINNER KEYNOTE – SARAH WARING USDA RD DIRECTOR FOR VT & NH AND RHIANNON HAMPSON USDA RD DIRECTOR FOR ME
- TASTE TESTING CHALLENGE FOR PRA MEMBERS AND GUESTS: VT AND MAINE BEERS

THURSDAY – SEPTEMBER 7

- BUS TOUR:
 - **HARDWICK** – CENTER FOR AG ECONOMY (WORKING LANDS, COMMUNITY VISITS, FOOD SYSTEMS)
 - **MORRISTOWN** – WORKING COMMUNITIES CHALLENGE IN LAMOILLE CO. + LAMOILLE FIBERNET AND VERMONT COMMUNICATION UNION DISTRICTS FOR BROADBAND BUILD OUT
 - **MONTGOMERY** – VILLAGE DOWNTOWN INVESTMENT, WASTEWATER, FOREST ECONOMY (COMMUNITY VISIT PROCESS 3 YEARS LATER, DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION, WORKING LANDS SITE)
 - **POSSIBLE MEETING WITH MISSISSQUOI ABENAKI LEADERSHIP**
 - **POSSIBLE DISCUSSION IN TRANSIT WITH USDA RD SARAH WARING, PRESERVATION TRUST PRESIDENT BEN DOYLE, VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES & TOWNS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TED BRADY RE: INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING, HOW IT IS SHOWING UP / REFLECTING NEEDS**
 - **BURLINGTON** – DINNER DISCUSSION AROUND CLIMATE ECONOMY, NET ZERO, 100 PERCENT RENEWABLE AND UTILITIES +/- SMALL CITIES IN RURAL STATES...
 - **DINNER IN BURLINGTON, RETURN TO MONTPELIER**

FRIDAY – SEPTEMBER 8

- PRA ANNUAL MEETING
- UPDATE / PRESENTATION: U.S. FARM BILL STATUS
- LUNCH
- MAINE PANEL DISCUSSION: AG PLANNING & THE AMERICAN FARMLAND TRUST

- THE FUTURE IS RURAL PANEL DISCUSSION
 - PRESERVATION TRUST, VT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, VCRD (VILLAGE TRUST)
 - MATT DUNNE, CENTER OF RURAL INNOVATION
- DEPARTURE