Brattleboro public-safety review process approved

After an arduous process, the Selectboard seeks proposals and committee applications for a facilitator to guide the town through evaluating all aspects of the way the town provides public safety.

By Olga Peters  

BRATTLEBORO—Community members interested in seeing on public safety oversight committee here until Tuesday, Sept. 8, to apply. After more than 13 hours of discussion at its meeting Tuesday, Aug. 18, the Selectboard approved a request for proposals (RFP) to launch a deep review of how the town provides public safety.

The board discussed a few final tweaks, concerns, and questions for final legal questions before approving the RFP. One such concern the Selectboard has moved to include in the RFP is allowing for all committee members to attend.

The process to advertise for and create the RFP was community driven and collaborative, by design, with organizers representing a number of academic groups in town, including the Vermont Union of全市people, 350 Brattleboro, Brattleboro Solidarity, and the Rye Social Justice Center.

“We’re welcoming proposals from any organization that wants to consider community so than we can do what is best to approach this fairly. We do not want to undermine our work (holyprofitwise) instead of our campaign of Wolf in the Pulpit,” Write Arts, one of the organizers, wrote in an email to the Vermont Facebook group.

Report due this year

The Selectboard has asked for facilitators to conduct the review and compile a report by Aug. 18, 2022. The board approved the timelines at the end of the year. This report will include recommendations for improving the town’s level of public safety. As defined in the RFP, the report will also consider multiple areas of community safety and well-being. These areas include the Brattleboro Police Department, town policies, and the town’s relationship with other public service and nonprofit organizations and other community resources. The process should also identify any areas of community safety that are not being met.

The RFP also includes the creation of a community advisory committee to advise the facilitators. The committee’s work can include gathering community input on the current state of community safety, discussing recommendations, and participating in data analysis or research as appropriate. The committee will collaborate with community members and other stakeholders to develop goals and recommendations.

According to a town release the Selectboard plans to announce all committee members in mid-September to allow for community input on the committee members.

In the Abenaki language, the West River is called Kwenitekw, which means “river of the land.”

In the early stages of creating a series of walkable trails with interpretive signs that highlight the Abenaki experience, including the 2.5-mile Abenaki Trail, the Retreat Farm unveiled a new marker on Thursday, Sept. 10. The marker is on the west side of Route 30 between Retreat Farm and the Vermont Union of全市people.

Committee members will be committed to ensuring the review is fair and impartial.

The Selectboard plans to announce its Community Safety Review Committee at its Sept. 15 board meeting.

Moving Wall visit to area postponed

Organizers now plan for the half-scale replica of Vietnam Veterans Memorial to come to Brattleboro in 2021

By Randolph T. Holhut  

With a planned stop in Brattleboro, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall is expected to be on display here later this year.

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall is a half-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., which has served for nearly four decades as an enduring reminder for the millions who have visited it.

In 2013, the Moving Wall, a half-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., came to Wilmington.

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**Winterfest**

Winterfest is an annual event that celebrates the winter season in Vermont. It is a time when people come together to enjoy the beauty of the season and participate in various winter activities. Winterfest features a variety of events, including ski races, snowboarding competitions, and other outdoor activities.

Winterfest is an important part of Vermont’s cultural and recreational life. It brings people together from all over to enjoy the winter landscape and participate in the fun and excitement of winter sports.
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• Excellent written, verbal, computer and public speaking skills
• Experience working with youth, families, community members and volunteers
• Knowledge of mental health prevention and intervention
• Strong organizational skills and the ability to coordinate projects, including fundraising (mailing) payments.

The Town of Putney is seeking an individual, preferably, with an accounting background to serve as Treasurer. This position is an hourly, part-time (10 to 15 hours per week. Responsibilities include reviewing accounts payable, backup of procedures, and preparation of monthly financial statements.

The Town of Putney is seeking an individual to join their Finance Department team as a PER DIEM NURSES & LNA’s. Nursing care in Brattleboro, Vermont.

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Hospice plans COVID-19 support group in September

BRATTLEBORO — Art for Remembrance: A local project seeks to use art to create awareness, to tell stories, and to provide healing. To learn more, visit www.brattleboroviewsav.com/artforremembrance.

JANET L. MILLIGHAN,owa and Pennsylvania; Ilse is survived by her sister, Ilse M. Fink; and a sister, Ruth Teeke. A brief service will be held at Brattleboro Memorial Chapel at a later date. A celebration of her life and contributions to the community will be held at a later date.

Obituaries

Beloos, Mica (Fokh, Cob) Cobbs, 40, of Brattleboro, died unexpectedly on Aug. 13 after a brief illness at the Brattleboro Memorial Hospital. She was born on May 13, 1981, the daughter of Ralph W. Cobbs and Nancy A. Cobbs, both of Falmouth, Me. She attended the Pennsylvania College of Technology and graduated with an A.A.S. degree in heavy construction equipment technology in 2016. She then worked as a heavy equipment operator for four years and was a licensed heavy equipment operator. She was a member of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and was a proud member of the Local 660. She was a loving mother to her four children. She was a fun-loving person who enjoyed spending time with her family. She loved to travel and was always looking for new experiences to try. She loved to garden and was an animal lover. She was a loving mother to her four children. She will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

Cameron Earnest, 23, of Brattleboro, died unexpectedly Aug. 12 after a brief illness at the Brattleboro Memorial Hospital. He was born on Aug. 20, 1997, the son of Richard and Melanie Earnest of Brattleboro. He attended the Brattleboro School in 2016 and joined the United States Air Force in 2017. He was assigned to the 9th Reconnaissance Wing. He was selected to work on the U-2 out of Beale Air Force Base. During his time in the Air Force, he completed his six-year enlistment and was released from active duty. Cameron became a civilian contractor in 2020. He was a dedicated employee and was always willing to go the extra mile for his team. He was a hard worker and always did his best to help others. He was a loving son to his parents and was always looking for ways to make their lives better. He was a loving brother to his siblings and was always there for them. He was a loving husband and father and was always looking for ways to make their lives better. He was a loving father and was always looking for ways to make their lives better. He was a loving uncle and was always looking for ways to make their lives better. He was a loving cousin and was always looking for ways to make their lives better. He was a loving friend and was always looking for ways to make their lives better. He was a loving family member and was always looking for ways to make their lives better. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends.
## Arts & Community Calendar

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From your local farmer... to your local pick-your-own peppers, cucumbers, and salad greens.

Hooker-Dunham Theater set to unveil new online series

Hermit Thrush Brewery opens new gallery space

Ruth Shader, a multidisciplinary artist, exhibits work through October

Brattleboro — A new show by visual and fiber artist Ruth Shader opened Aug. 23 at the new gallery space in Hermit Thrush Brewery’s expanded storefront. The show features fiber wall hangings, works on canvas, and mixed-media collages.

Shader works from her home studio in Brattleboro. "I love to gather, sift, and experiment to make art that connects me," she says on her website (ruthshafer.com).

"Much of my work is about "inside" and "outside,"" she says. "It is an exploration of the body and the mind, the physical and the spiritual."

"Theatre of Art" is open through Oct. 3.

For information, visit hermitthrushbrewery.com.
A small-business owner tries to figure out where she stands with state grant opportunities for urgent COVID-19 economic relief—an adventure that includes disqualifications for sole proprietors, contradictory advice from state agencies, and unwritten rules applied retroactively.

Who will fill the child-care gap?

The child-care system in this country is broken—and exacerbated by the pandemic.
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He quickly becomes a favorite among students and faculty. He was known for his transformative role as Dean, and he always encouraged students to think critically and creatively. His most notable achievement was the establishment of a new academic program that fostered interdisciplinary learning. He also made significant contributions to the faculty, helping to recruit top scholars from around the world.
Rockingham seeks nominations for annual Old House Awards contest

BRATTLEBORO—Nominations are now open for the 33rd edition of the Rockingham Old House Awards, which the Rockingham County Historical Society presents annually to honor historic farm sheds, buildings, and structures. Nominations are due Sept. 14. The club has been making plans to reopen its doors on Sept. 1. The club has been close during this time due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

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