

NEK Collaborative Kicks Off Two New Action Plans

By Doug McChes

MONTPELIER — The Vermont State House passed the NEK Collaborative and two new action plans intended to foster growth and economic development in the Northeast Kingdom for the first time since NEK Day on January 21.

In a press conference, the collaborative announced two new action plans intended to foster growth and economic development in the Northeast Kingdom. The organizations pointed out both initiatives have high economic impact.

The first initiative, called the NEK Action Plan for Developing the Secondary Economic Sectors, focuses on retail and food sectors. The second initiative is developing local leaders for the next generation. One major goal is to set up the second initiative to set up the NEK Collaborative as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. The plan is to set up the NEK Collaborative as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. The plan is to set up the NEK Collaborative as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.

An NEK Road Builders table part of the Winter plan, with a focus on giving contractors better tools for leveling roads. Infrastructure investments and level roads are also one of the plan's goals to work on. Additionally, an NEK Education Program will provide young people with better access to programming in the place-based areas of professional programs, as well as work to provide better vocational and technical training.

The initiative has two specific action items, many of which are to be completed by the end of 2013. The estimated cost for all the initiatives total an estimated \$200,000.

Among funding sources are the U.S. Dept. of Transportation, the Vermont State Foundation, and the Vermont Housing and Community Development. NEK Collaborative is also working to secure state and federal funding. NEK Collaborative is also working to secure state and federal funding. NEK Collaborative is also working to secure state and federal funding.



By now, already, you've probably seen a snowplow working on Route 104 south of Hardwick. The photo shows the snowplow clearing a road in a snowy landscape.

AG Motion Says Schools Belong to State

By Doug McChes

MONTPELIER — In a 10-page motion filed in the Act 60 litigation on Feb. 25, state attorney general Jeffrey Amodeo argued that school districts belong to the state, not the local municipalities.

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ATV Usage Increases Interest in Greater Road Access

By Jane Phelan Cook

CHAPELTON — The Conservation Commission held an informational meeting with the select board last week regarding the proposed state statute reform and how it would affect the town.

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A group of people sitting around a table, possibly in a meeting or discussion.

Cabot Wins Snowing Bowl

By Will Wilson

CABOT — The Vermont Snowing Bowl on January 29 was a big win for Cabot and the town. Cabot won the snowing bowl for the second time in its history.

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A group of people standing together, possibly at a meeting or event.

Hazen Civil Discourse Forum Turns into Media Controversy

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HAZEN — An open town meeting held in Hazen on Jan. 21, 2013, turned into a media controversy. The meeting was held in Hazen.

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OSSU Schools Watching Discussions in Montpelier

By Michael Stohrer

HAZEN — The school boards of the newly formed Orleans-Sherburne Union Regional School District are watching discussions in Montpelier.

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Lakeview Union School District Proposes Budget

By Jane Phelan Cook

GREENBORO — Greenboro School District has an opportunity to weigh in on the Lakeview Union School District budget.

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