

# Vermont Community Development Association

# VCDA

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Dear Colleagues

The 2015 Spring conference of the Vermont Community Development Association (VCDA) will be held on **Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>** in downtown **Randolph**. The theme is **Age Friendly Communities – Possibilities, Challenges and Social & Economic Benefits**. We are pleased to have **Hal Cohen**, Secretary, Agency of Human Services, as guest speaker.

Much attention has been focused on the aging demographic in Vermont and nation-wide. There are challenges and opportunities associated with providing attractive housing options and services for seniors.

VCDA, providing Vermonters education and networking opportunities in Community Development since 1978, has invited professionals from around Vermont to present case studies of housing developments, programs, land use policies and urban design elements that can result in accessible “age-friendly” communities, enabling people to continue to be vital members of their communities as they age -- and as active as they choose to be. The case studies will cover:

- **What/who inspired the project, and what need was it addressing?**
- **What segment of the senior population (defined as 65+) is being served?**
- **Funding sources (capital investments and ongoing operating expenses)**
- **Initial and on-going challenges**
- **Is transportation an issue? How do residents move in the community?**
- **Specific tie-in(s) to community, programs with area youth & other groups.**
- **Economic and social benefits that seniors bring to the community.**
- **Lessons learned -- what would you do differently or try to change?**

The conference will be followed by a short walking tour of beautiful downtown Randolph. Make your reservation and join us on May 14th!

Sincerely



Gary Fox, President  
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