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Programs & Issues List

The Radio Vermont Group

1st Quarter 2021

January 1st to March 31st

Following is a list of major topic areas to be addressed in our news and public affairs coverage. Different items may be substituted depending upon current news events unforeseen at the outset of this quarter.

Examples of specific stories are given to help you identify if the topic fits the issue category.

Issue 1: **COVID Shutdown – Economic Impacts**

Issue 2: **State COVID Vaccination Efforts**

Issue 3: **College Financial Woes**

Issue 4: **State Pension Fund**

Issue 5: **Marijuana Legalization Efforts**

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Programs and Issues – 2021

The Programs and Issues in this file are “representative” of our news and public affairs efforts – but do not fully demonstrate the breath of our reporting and our commitment to “live” local and relevant radio. Below is a summary of some of our major regularly scheduled broadcast efforts.

Monday-Friday:

Radio VT News provides extended coverage of local, state and regional news:
6:05am – 7:05am – 8:05am – 12:05pm – 4:05pm – 5:05pm
Each Newscasts is 5 to 10-minutes in length and features a variety of reports.

At 7:30AM Mon-Fri – The Morning Briefing: 10-mins of World & National News

The Morning News Service airs from 7-9am – two full hours of news, weather, sports, travel updates, commentary, interviews, plus studio and phone guests. WDEV employs our own forecaster Roger Hill who details the micro-climate of the region while watching major national weather stories and climate change. The MNS is produced by Radio Vermont News with additional world and national updates from CBS Radio News.

Radio Vermont News has developed reporter relations with WCAX-TV Channel 3 News. Monday-Friday reporter Alexandra Montgomery joins the Morning News Service with a “live” interactive update to explore stories in much greater depth than available from wire service reports.

In our “Conversation with the Editor” series, we discuss major stories from some of Vermont’s most respected weekly newspapers:

Monday: The News & Citizen (Morrisville) – Tommy Gardner, Reporter
Tuesday: The Addison Independent (Middlebury) - John Flowers, Reporter
Wednesday: The Valley Reporter (Waitisfield) – Hadley Leskovski, Reporter
Thursday: The Gazette (Hardwick) – Ray Small, Publisher & Editor
Friday: The Herald (Randolph) – Tim Calabro, Publisher

Vermont Viewpoint: 9-11am

This is our newsmaker public affairs interview program. Rick Cengeri, host a show that provides detailed analysis of the news plus a Vermont perspective on world events. His guests are varied and represent a wide spectrum. During the legislative session, Ric originates his program direct from the Vermont Statehouse in Montpelier (Fridays and during special event days). His program also goes mobile for events such as the Chamber of Commerce Business EXPO, the Tunbridge World’s Fair and other gatherings.

The Midday News Service: Noon-1PM

An hour-long update of the very latest news, business report, sports, weather and a variety of human interest features. This is the most comprehensive lunchtime news hour of any Vermont radio station. With the “Special Assignment” section, Radio VT News often delivers lengthy segments of news conferences or legislative debate. We are committed to providing our listeners with more than a “sound bite” service.

The Afternoon News Service: 4-5:30PM

The very latest news developments, sports and weather, perfect for the drive home. Special updated reports on the day’s breaking news stories with Calvin Cutler from WCAX-TV News around 4:05PM and at 5:05PM, VT Digger.org reports – the state’s leading on-line investigative news site.

Waterbury Roundabout (Monday) – Lisa Scagliotti, Editor

Seven Days (Tuesday) – Courtney Lamdin, Reporter

Vermont Business Magazine (Wednesday)—Tim McQuiston, Editor

Stowe Reporter (Thursday) – Tom Gardner, Reporter

Times-Argus (Friday) – Steve Pappas, Editor

Re-Broadcast of WCAX-TV News: 11-11:30pm

Since the conversion to all digital over-the-air TV broadcasts, many in our listening area told us that they missed WCAX news – no longer available to them “over the air.”

Through special retransmission agreement with WCAX News, WDEV re-broadcasts the 11pm report as a service to the public. (This is occasionally pre-empted by late-airing sporting events such as when the Red Sox play on the West Coast.)

Saturday Morning:

Similar to weekdays, WDEV is “live and local” with updated news reports including the Morning News Service from 7-8am. This hour also features “For the Birds” a program dedicated to watching and listening to birds; “The Green Mountain Club” report – with opportunities to explore VT outdoors and take advantage of guided and organized hikes around the state.

Sunday Morning:

At 6:00AM, WDEV airs CBS Radio Sunday Morning, and “The Takeout with Majhor Garrett”, a weekly news magazine show. National and International issues are explored in-depth with a variety of reporters and guests.

WDEV airs Red Sox Baseball, Norwich D3 Hockey, NASCAR racing, local stock car racing and high school basketball (boys & girls) regular-season and championship games. WDEV provide “Team Coverage” of every Town Meeting Day (March) plus coverage of Primary and General Election nights.

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1. 3/16/2021 12:22:15 PM - Lee Kittell - TRT 00:00:25

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Speaking at the Governors COVID-19 response news conference, Secretary of Administration Susanne Young discussed the stimulus checks that are coming to Vermonters.

031621SOT Susanne Young A

You can also track your stimulus payment online to see when it's coming.

031621SOT Susanne Young B

And Young says the American Rescue Plan also has benefits for the states unemployments program.

031621SOT Susanne Young C

Again, the Governors next COVID-19-Response News Conference is Friday at 11 AM.

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Governor Phil Scott says he hopes Vermont can return to normal by July 4.

But big events and concerts organizers still don't know if that will provide enough time to line some up for this spring and summer?

Current guidelines only allow up to two unvaccinated people or households to gather at one time.

The state has recently relaxed some guidelines. But it's slowgoing and large gatherings and events are still not allowed.

After a year of canceled tour dates and online streams, Vermont-based artist Kat Wright is ready to get back on stage, but tells Channel 3 News she still can't schedule shows in Vermont.

(032321SOT Kat Wright)

Alex Crothers owns Higher Ground in South Burlington. He says Vermont has been slow to work on alternative concert venue setups, despite every neighboring state having outdoor concerts scheduled for the spring with socially distanced setups.

And with no regulations announced or expected, he says Vermont is being left out.

(032321SOT Alex Crothers)

But there is hope for the summer of 2021.

Cindi Wight, the director of Burlington Parks, Recreation and Waterfront says those canceled events from last year, like food events and concerts, are preparing to come back with some safety modifications.

(032321SOT Cindi Wight)

At the Champlain Valley Expo in Essex Junction, they say they do not plan to host large-scale concerts in the grandstand but the Champlain Valley Fair in late August, could be back.



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The Vermont Senate has given the greenlight to a bill that would expand unemployment benefits for people affected by the pandemic.

Lawmakers have been debating and pushing back votes on the bill for weeks, but it passed 18-12 on Tuesday.

The bill provides a \$50 a week payment for Vermonters with kids and leaves out a 20% increase in weekly unemployment benefits.

The bill has a long way to go before it hits ^{GOVERNOR PHIL SCOTT'S} ~~the~~ governor's desk, but he says he doesn't want businesses to be negatively affected.

Some businesses worry that along with federal unemployment benefits, the proposal would disincentivize people coming back for work.

Scott plans to reinstate the work requirement next month but says it hinges on vaccinating more people and finding child care options.

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Vermont is slated to get a lot of money from the \$1.9 trillion rescue plan approved by the Senate.

About \$1.3 billion will be spent on stimulus checks, extended unemployment and programs for local schools.

Speaking to Channel 3 News, Vermont U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders touted the massive spending bill.

(030921SOT Bernie Sanders)

About 90% of Vermonters will receive \$1,400 stimulus checks.

Unemployment benefits will be extended to September with a \$300 supplement.

There will be more money for schools and summer programming to catch up on lost time in the classroom. And an extension of the child tax credit covering roughly 145,000 kids.

The package passed through the Senate with no Republican support. Opponents say 1.9 trillion is too much, and the money is all borrowed.

Sanders says with his new role as budget committee chair, he's going to find new revenues by putting pressure on the top earners.

(030921SOT Bernie Sanders B)

The package includes hundreds of millions of dollars for state and local governments to spend.

In his budget proposal, Vermont Gov. Phil Scott cautioned against creating new programs which will need investments every year.

(030921SOT Phil Scott)

Senate President Pro Tem. Becca Balint says the democrats in the Legislature plan to use the money for pandemic investments but also bigger budget items, like our \$4.5 billion unfunded pension liability.

(030921SOT Becca Balint)

But exactly how the Legislature and the governor intend to spend the money is a topic that will once again dominate this legislative session and the next..

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In May 2020, Gov. Phil Scott signed into law an eviction moratorium that is tied to the COVID-19 state of emergency.

Since then, it's had an impact on both renters and landlords.

Steve Restelli rents out a 100-year-old home on Merchant Street in Barre. His tenants had stopped paying rent before the pandemic his last spring.

Restelli tried to evict them for nonpayment but the eviction moratorium was enacted, which was meant to keep people out of shelters where COVID-19 could spread. Restelli tells Channel 3 he was stuck with his tenants, and the house became a drug hub.

(031621SOT Steve Restelli A)

The tenants were finally arrested on drug charges, and he's now left on the hook for about \$50,000 in damage including ceiling damage from a shotgun blast, burst pipes that buckled the hardwood floors, broken windows, and leftover needles in the bedroom.

Ten months since the moratorium went into effect, advocates like Jean Murray, a staff attorney with Vermont Legal Aid, say it's still needed to help those struggling with unemployment, so they don't lose the roof over their heads.

(031621SOT Jean Murray)

In addition to the moratorium, about 15,000 renters and 3,000 landlords have received financial help from the state to pay rent and mortgages. That program is slated to get another \$200 million from the American Rescue Plan. Restelli could have turned to the state for help, but he was told he'd have to forgive half of the overdue rent and all of the damage.

Restelli plans to clean up the house and keep it on the market, but until then, he wishes there was a way to better mediate landlord-renter issues.

(031621SOT Steve Restelli B)

~~Unlike at the federal level,~~ Vermont's eviction moratorium will be in place as long as the state of emergency plus 30 days.

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More than a dozen European countries have stopped administering the AstraZeneca COVID vaccine after some people who got it reported blood clots. But it's not clear whether the vaccine is causing the problem.

The University of Vermont Medical Center used the AstraZeneca vaccine in a clinical trial. No health concerns were reported there.

Channel 3 News reports about 300 Vermonters were part of that trial. They all got their shots in either November, December or January.

This vaccine could get emergency approval by next month for use here in the U.S.

The blood clot concerns were reported in fewer than 40 people after more than 17 million got the AstraZeneca COVID vaccine in the U.K. and the European Union.

Vt. Health Commissioner Dr. Mark Levine said he believes the vaccines are safe.

(031721SOT Mark Levine)

Many countries have halted the use of the vaccine out of an abundance of caution, but the question is whether the vaccine caused the clots or whether it's another more natural cause in the patients.

Dr. Beth Kirkpatrick, a UVM Medical Center infectious disease specialist and an investigator in the hospital's AstraZeneca vaccine trial, says she doesn't believe the shot is at fault but still wants to see the final data from the company to find out if there is a link.

(031721SOT Beth Kirkpatrick)

No Vermonters who got the shot have shown any similar side effects, nor has the problem been reported in any of the other 32,000 people in the U.S. trial.

Kirkpatrick says she has strong confidence in the COVID vaccines.

Governor Phil Scott doesn't want the AstraZeneca question to worry Vermonters because here only the Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson shots are being administered.

(031721SOT Phil Scott)

Kirkpatrick says all the data from the U.S. AstraZeneca trial should be released next month before the company seeks emergency use.

It's not only our local experts who are confident in the shot, the company and European regulators say there is no evidence the shot is to blame.

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Nearly 80% of staff members in Vermont's prisons have received the Covid-19 vaccine.

But VTDigger reports that the vaccination rate for staffers at Northern State Correctional Facility in Newport -- site of the largest outbreak in a state prison since the pandemic began -- is far lower than the overall prison system.

At Northern State, 63 of 112 corrections staff members have been vaccinated, about 56%. Newport is the state's largest prison, with about 340 inmates. As of Monday, 164 inmates had tested positive for the virus.

Vermont Defender General Matthew Valerio says he'd like to see a vaccination rate of 100%. And, he said, if a corrections officer refuses to get a shot, that person should not be permitted to work inside a prison.

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Speaking today at the Governors COVID-19 Response News Conference, Governor Phil Scott announced when the rest of population will be able to sign up for vaccination slots.

031921SOT Phil Scott C

But the Governor reminded people, these dates are just to REGISTER for vaccination.

031921SOT Phil Scott D

The Governor said that you can anticipate being fully vaccinated two months after your age band opens.

He also provided some perspective on what these announcements mean for high school seniors.

031921SOT Phil Scott F

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Agency of Human Services Secretary Mike Smith provided an update on the states vaccination efforts.

033021SOT Mike Smith B

Vermonters aged 50 and older were eligible to sign up for their vaccinations on Monday.

033021SOT Mike Smith A

Vermonters aged 40 and older can sign up beginning Monday at 8:15 AM.

033021SOT Mike Smith F

And Secretary Smith said new vaccine spots are opening up.

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State officials say Out-of-state college students who do not qualify as Vermont residents will be eligible to sign up for a COVID vaccination by April 30th.

The governor's office says that based on the current allocation of doses, the state expects to extend vaccinations to students as well as second-home owners by the end of ~~next month~~, APRIL

The news comes as positive case reports escalate in Vermont for people in the under 30 age group.

Health officials say the surge in cases is driven by variants, social behavior, and community spread, including on college campuses.

Data shows that as of 2019, more than 38,000 students attended 19 colleges across Vermont and about 60% of them are from out of state.

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The Vermont State Colleges System board of trustees voted to advance a plan to merge Northern Vermont University, Vermont Technical College and Castleton University.

WCAX NEWS reports that Monday's meeting took almost three hours, as the trustees listened to consultants explaining why this is the correct move to make. In the end, they voted unanimously to support the plan, but there are still lingering concerns.

Vt. Financial Regulation Commissioner Michael Pieciak spoke about the importance of preserving the branding and integrity of each individual school.

(022321SOT Michael Pieciak)

The consultants, hired by the state of Vermont, to assist with the process agreed with the preservation. They also explained this will not be an easy process.

Trustee, Linda Milne continued to question the board's accountability based on her 15 years on the board.

(022321SOT Linda Milne)

For the fiscal year 2022, The system is seeking more than 67 million dollars, including the base appropriation, an increase in base funding, funding to address structural deficits, plus \$8 million in transformation expenses.

VSCS Chancellor Sophie Zdatny is very positive the funding will be there.

(022321SOT Sophie Zdatny)

The board needs \$20 million over four years from the state, which many trustees questioned since it is not a confirmed deal every year.

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Despite a difficult economy amid the worldwide pandemic Vermont Technical College students did extremely well in landing employment in the past year.

The Class of 2020 at VTC enjoyed a placement rate of 99 percent within six months of graduation.

Caroline Prefontaine of Burlington was one of those graduates who found an opportunity.

She tells WCAX News she finished at VTC with a bachelor's degree in information technology. At that time, the pandemic was already well underway.

(030521SOT Carolyn Prefontaine)

In August, she landed a job at the service desk at Dartmouth College.

Patricia Moulton, the president of Vermont Tech, said along with IT jobs, educators say engineering, manufacturing, construction management, agriculture and health care industries all continue to hire, but one of the biggest hurdles continues to be the lack of trained workers in any given field.

(030521SOT Patricia Moulton)

Enrollment at Vermont Tech dropped nearly 20% for this academic year. College officials say that has had a significant impact on the school's bottom line.

The entire Vermont State Colleges system says it needs help. They are looking to the Legislature to increase funding for higher education, an investment they say will ultimately help produce the workforce of tomorrow.

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Radio Vermont › Monday ANS - 3/8/2021 › B4 Southern VT College Update

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Organizers say a one-month fundraising effort to help with the planning and redevelopment of the former Southern Vermont College campus in Bennington has raised \$566,000, exceeding its goal.

Southwestern Vermont Health Care, the parent of Southwestern Vermont Medical Center, purchased the 371-acre campus in December.

The Bennington Banner reports that leaders of the organization and the Grateful Bennington campaign announced the results of the fund drive on Thursday.

Thomas Dee, the corporation's CEO and president, says it will work with the Bennington County Regional Commission to develop a plan for the initial phases of redevelopment as a multi-use facility but he said uses for the facility have not yet been decided.



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University of Vermont students, faculty and alumni are stepping up their calls for the resignation of President Suresh Garimella, as University officials consider cutting more than 30 majors and laying off three senior lecturers,

UVM English professor Nancy Welch tells Local 22 News that she has received what she calls threats from top administrators to silence her and other faculty, after she shared the word about a petition calling for Garimella's resignation.

(033121SOT Nancy Welch)

At a press conference Monday, students also expressed concerns over how the university is handling violations of rules designed to stem the spread of COVID-19 on campus, calling student suspensions and other punishments extreme and unfair.

Other complaints include the school's budget practices, including pay increases for top executives. UVM also plans to close its campus children's school, a childcare resource at the college.

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Vermont lawmakers are considering a plan to shore up a multi-billion-dollar hole in the state's public employee retirement systems by asking teachers and state employees to pay more and get less.

Vermont's public sector retirement funds are facing a \$3 billion unfunded liability. A draft plan released Wednesday outlines what lawmakers claim would be a potential path to financial sustainability.

The plan would make teachers and state employees pay more into the fund, stay on the job longer, and then get less in monthly benefits when they do retire, and employees would also have to work a minimum of 10 years, instead of five, to be vested in the program.

Representative Sarah Copeland-Hanzas, of Bradford tells Channel 3 News that the effort was jump-started by decision to spend \$150 million in state revenue received from the American Rescue Plan.

(032521SOT Sarah Copeland-Hanzas)

The pension shortfall is caused by a lower than anticipated return on investments, underfunding in the 1990s, and more retirees living longer.

Don Tinney, the president of the Vermont N-E-A, the union representing teachers, questions why lawmakers aren't putting more money into the pension funds by raising taxes on Vermont's top earners.

(032521SOT Don Tinney)

Steve Howard, the executive director of the Vermont State Employees Association said state employees are concerned about the process and transparency of how lawmakers are building the plan, saying the Legislature is moving too fast.

(0325SOT Steve Howard)

Lawmakers say some discussions have been happening behind the scenes to bring legislators up to speed on the complex issue of pension reform, and that any official votes will be conducted over livestream for the public to see.

A separate proposal looks to reform how pensions are governed by creating a 15-member Vermont Retirement Commission. Lawmakers say these two proposals are just the beginning of the conversation, and that there will be a public forum this Friday.

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During more than four hours of emotional public testimony Friday and Monday, state legislators got an earful from educators and state employees who are furious about plans to overhaul their pension system.

Sometimes cradling crying infants, the state's teachers, troopers, substance abuse counselors and public defenders called in from homes and offices across the state to say the pension proposal is a "a gut punch," "shameful" and a "shocking moral failure."

Many argued the plan would force employees to work longer and ultimately cost taxpayers anyway, since older workers are at the top of the pay scale, while also driving young Vermonters -- which the state desperately seeks to retain -- to turn to the private sector or leave the state entirely.

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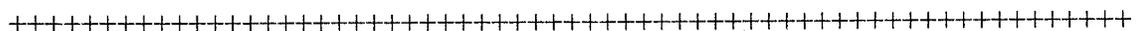
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Teachers protested Tuesday over a proposal that asks them and state employees to pay more into their retirement plan.

More than two dozen educators from the Maple Run School District were in St. Albans voicing their opposition to the bill that aims to shore up their pension fund.

Mike Campbell is a local social studies teacher. He spoke to Channel 3.

(033121SOT Mike Campbell)

A \$3 billion deficit in the retirement funds for public sector employees has been growing for decades.

The plan proposed by lawmakers would require teachers to pay more into the system, stay in the workforce longer, and receive fewer benefits.

The plan would also use \$150 million from the COVID relief bill to help close the pension gap.

Governor Phil Scott gave credit to the Legislature for taking on the issue that he says has been ignored for far too long.

(033121SOT Phil Scott)

Teachers supported a plan by Progressives that called for Vermont's highest earners to help make up the deficit.

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Governor Phil Scott made his appointments to the state's Cannabis Control Board, or the C-C-B.

The Board was created for the purpose of implementing and administering the laws and rules for adult-use cannabis in Vermont ~~about the appointees:~~

James Pepper, has been appointed the Chair of the Board.

Pepper currently is a deputy state attorney for the Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs.

He also sits on the Racial Disparities in the Criminal and Juvenile Justice System Advisory Panel, the Children in Need of Services Reform Advisory Panel, the Juvenile Justice Advisory Panel, the Act 148 Working Group and the Sentencing Commission.

Julie Hulburd is the human resources director at the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation, and the Chair of the State Ethics Commission.

and Kyle Harris is an agriculture development specialist at the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets.

THE VERMONT SENATE MUST CONFIRM THE NOMINEES BEFORE THEY BEGIN THEIR FULL-TIME POSITIONS.

Several towns in Addison county are voting today on whether or not to allow retail recreational cannabis stores to open within their towns when the state begins to allow these establishments to open.

John Flowers has the story.

(030221SOT John Flowers B)

There is more on this story at [addison independent dot com](http://addisonindependent.com).

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It was mostly green lights in Vermont Towns who had a chance to vote local cannabis sales.

Under the state's new marijuana marketplace law, Vermont municipalities were required to opt-in on whether they will allow retail operations.

Voters in 26 communities are deciding on the issue on Town Meeting Day or later in the year.

Votes in Burlington, Brattleboro, Middlebury, Montpelier, Pawlet, Salisbury, Waterbury, Windsor, and Winooski all came out in favor of allowing pot sales into their communities.

Geoffrey Pizzutillo with the Vermont Growers Association. told Channel 3 that the results give a clearer picture to entrepreneurs and growers looking to enter the industry.

(030321SOT Geoffrey Pizzutillo)

Waitsfield passed a non-binding resolution to allow a vote on a future ballot. Richmond defeated the measure.

In the Northeast Kingdom, Danville, Sutton, Burke and Barton voted in favor of allowing the sale of recreational marijuana.

Voters in Lyndon and Newport rejected the proposals in their communities.

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Voters in six Northeast Kingdom towns have approved marijuana shops in their communities, while two other municipalities narrowly said no.

VTdigger reports that the six towns account for nearly a third of the communities statewide that voted Tuesday to opt in on allowing retail marijuana sales. Under Act 164, municipal approval is a prerequisite for local pot sales.

Advocates believe marijuana sales could be the economic tonic that Northeast Kingdom communities need. Only Lyndon and Newport opted out.

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