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1 Our Putney Future comes together Jan. 29 to celebrate
2 progress

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5 In 2022, Putney community members turned out in
6 record numbers to discuss the future of their town and choose
7 priorities that would help move toward those goals.

8 The Vermont Council on Rural Development (VCRD)
9 and community groups are celebrating the momentum of Our
10 Future Putney by coming together Thursday, Jan. 29, from 6 to 8
11 p.m. at Putney Central School to celebrate their progress. The

12 event will include a free community dinner from The Putney
13 Diner and Putney General Store, time to connect with neighbors,
14 and an opportunity to brainstorm points of vision for the future of
15 Putney.

16 Our Future Putney was a three-month Community Visit
17 facilitated by VCRD to help the community identify and take
18 action on important priorities. Community Visits help towns
19 identify and prioritize goals, foster local leadership, and connect
20 to resources to achieve their goals. Through the Our Future
21 Putney process, community members chose three community
22 priorities for action and signed up for task force groups to move
23 them forward.

24 “The celebration will be a chance for Putney community
25 members to hear updates from their neighbors about what’s
26 happening with downtown vitality, community gathering, and
27 housing,” Alyssa Johnson, VCRD Community Visit program
28 manager, said in a news release. “Local groups will be tabling
29 and looking for volunteers to keep up the energy, and there will
30 be an opportunity to brainstorm points of vision for the future of
31 Putney. Whether you were part of the 2022 events or not, we
32 hope all Putney community members will join us for a free
33 dinner and opportunity to connect with neighbors.”

34 “So much has happened since the first Community Visit
35 by VCRD,” said Mike Cosco, owner of the Putney General Store
36 and chair of the Our Future Putney process. “Each of the three
37 task forces accomplished a lot of important work and the stage
38 has been set for the next chapter. We hope to see the same
39 massive turnout on Jan. 29 as we did in 2022 when this all
40 began.”

41 For more information on accommodations or
42 transportation, contact Alyssa Johnson at alyssa@vtrural.org or
43 802-222-6896. To sign up for free childcare or to learn more
44 about Our Future Putney, visit bit.ly/FuturePutney.

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