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GMRD joins equal pay fight

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Roller skating, bumps, soccer, bruises, cheers, and advocating for gender equality. What do they all have in common?

Before recently, not that much. But a few different local groups came together and collaborated to support one another in Essex Junction earlier this month.

The Green Mountain Roller Derby (GMRD), Change the Story VT (CTS), and the Burlington High School (BHS) girls' soccer team partnered to

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COURTESY
CHANGE THE STORY VT

Skaters wearing the #Equal-Pay jerseys during their Feb. 1 bout. **INSET:** Kim "Risk" Anetsberger showing off the Change the Story patch on the team's customized jerseys.



Proponents say dividing board would bring unity

Selectboard chair questions representation proposal

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Ken Signorello believes that the proposal he and Irene Wrenner have put forth to divide representation on the Essex Town Selectboard between the village and the town outside the village (TOV) will capture the diversity of the town.

Essex residents live in everything

from condos to log cabins on 100 acres, he told the *Reporter*. Because most board members are from the village and the developed area immediately outside it, those are the perspectives heard by the board. "They're going to tend to talk to the people in their own ecosystem," said Signorello.

Although, it should be noted, the board backed off of planned regulations for backyard shooting ranges last year after hearing from residents in the town's rural areas.

Asked if a proposal to divide the town's representation evenly between the village and TOV with three

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Dolan to run for state rep seat

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Area resident Karen Dolan announced on WVMT's The Morning Drive Feb. 10 her candidacy as a state representative for Chittenden District 8-2.

Dolan, who primarily grew up in the Northeast Kingdom, moved to Essex Junction shortly after graduating from the University of Vermont. In a statement announcing her candidacy, Dolan said her entire career has been focused on public service--leading initiatives to strengthen opportunities for Vermonters.

"Essex Junction is a vibrant, growing community that requires a strong and connected voice at the State House," Dolan said. "As a Village resident for the past 14 years, I feel fortunate to say that Essex Junction is the community that showed me what community is all about. I am running for state representative to ensure Essex Junction continues to thrive and that all Vermonters have access to communities that support them to succeed. As I start my campaign, I look forward to connecting with more neighbors to

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