**New Bridging Capital Interview Ideas shared on 3/21/19**

* Conservatives
	+ Staff of Addison Eagle Newspaper
	+ VFW Post on Exchange Street (also veterans)
	+ American Legion on Rte. 7 South (also veterans)
	+ Rotary Club of Middlebury (there are clubs all over VT). Variety of views and lots of business people. Spence Putnam attends meetings
* Progressives
	+ John Turner – permaculture farmer, veteran with PTSD, Spirit in Nature Eco-Spirit Award Winner for 2019 - <http://www.wildrootsfarmvermont.com/>
	+ Rachel Smolker – anti-fossil fuel activist and US Rep for Forest Watch
* Indigenous
	+ Randy Kritkausky, identifies as Native American and lives in Whiting. Daughter Laurel lives in Ripton (DM – I have contact emails for both)
* Religious
	+ Ed and Ann Wheeler. Ed is Minister, both lived in Bangladesh for 20 years, home-schooled grandchildren, and host Midd World College students
	+ Religious Conservatives
		- Victory Baptist Church in Ferrisburgh
		- Assembly of God Church in Ferrisburgh
			* In general, church contacts can be found online or the Religious Directory of the Addison County Independent
* Education
	+ Homeschoolers (often religious conservatives)
		- Margie Bekoff may have names / ideas for homeschoolers in Addison County
		- Lianna Tennell Peabody in Vergennes (not religious)
	+ Tony Bates (teacher, also a landlord and comedian)
	+ Peter Burrows, superintendent of schools in Middlebury
	+ Christina Johnston, Weybridge Elementary School Principal
	+ Christina Wadsworth, 5/6 grade teacher at Weybridge Elementary
		- Fran can “pave the way” for you at Weybridge
	+ Early Childhood Educators
		- Quarry Hill School / Sue White (ages 3-4, mostly middle-class)
		- Mary Johnson Childcare Center (birth-5, varied income levels)
* Progressives
	+ Henry Harris – dynamic climate activist and leader, member of environmental bar association and founder of the VT Climate Union. Also single parent.
* LGBQT+
	+ VfV member Margie Bekoff has contacts in Trans Community
	+ Nancy Edwards-Spinner has contacts in LGBQT+ community. She is a weaving artisan, long-time Bennington County resident now living in Cornwall. World traveler
* Farmers
	+ Elmer Farm / Spencer Blackwell. CSA veggie farm in East Middlebury. Also family with young children.
	+ Mike Eastman, Addison VT – small organic dairy
	+ Peter James / Monument Farms Dairy
	+ Robert Foster / Foster Brothers Dairy
		- Both monument farms and foster brothers have migrant workers
	+ Farmer Steve Pratt (802-458-5729
	+ Jane and Nate Palmer – farmers and also activists against LNG pipeline
	+ Larry Clark (85 and lives in house he grew up in, very nice) 462-2505
	+ Mark and Cheryl Cesario – organic beef and Cheryl is a UVM Grazing Specialist. 462-3759
* Black People
	+ NAACP, Rutland Chapter. Ask Julie Conason (part of VfV) to get you in touch
	+ SURJ (Joanna Colwell, Amy Mason, Kathy Comstock) – check website
	+ Black Lives Matter in Burlington
	+ Can François Clemmons help you connect with folks?
	+ Black faculty @ Midd
* Food Access / Insecurity
	+ [VT Gleaning Collective](http://vermontgleaningcollective.org/)
* Homeless
	+ Charter House, John Graham, COTS
	+ Stephen Marshall has homeless experience (contact through Fran)
* Renewable Energy
	+ Rich Carpenter, ACORN Energy Co-op
* Energy Efficiency
	+ Paul Markowitz (already interviewed)
* Business Community
	+ Vermont Businesses for Social Responsibility (more progressive)
		- 700 members across VT, Danforth Pewter in Midd as a good contact
	+ Chamber of Commerce (tend to be more conservative)
	+ Sarah Kaeck, owner of Bee’s Wrap (on Exchange Street). Business owner and also parent of three young kids.
* Incarcerated Vermonters
	+ Contact filmmaker Bess O’Brien of Kingdom County Productions. Filmed a recent documentary called Coming Home that interviewed recently released individuals. Bess could help you with contacts.
* Addicted Vermonters
	+ Will Porter, MD, of Bristol Family Health may be able to help with contacts

**Bridging Capital Interview Ideas from Surveys (2/13/19 List)**

Specific Groups / Contacts (loosely grouped)

* Sustainable Ag
	+ Area beekeepers (Ross Conrad, Kirk Webster, Pedro Salas) and others working with pollinators (Charlotte who works at Middlebury College and her husband Francis)
	+ NOFA-VT
	+ Young organic farmers pioneering permaculture
	+ Maine Farmland Trust and Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association
* Religious
	+ Retired Unitarian Minister--Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist--Johanna Nichols
	+ Spirit In Nature
	+ ICAN (Interfaith Climate Action Network)
	+ Members of the Social Action Caring for Creation Committees at Ascension Lutheran Church
	+ Rev. Dr Nancy Wright, pastor of Ascension and a life-long environmental and social activist
	+ Western Priory
* Energy/Climate
	+ 350.org
	+ VECAN
	+ Members of the Bristol Energy Committee
	+ Community groups focused on our energy future
* Groups that represent new/different perspectives
	+ High school kids who take classes at the Hannaford Career Center
	+ People who take classes at CCV
	+ Rotary
	+ Undocumented workers
	+ The black community
	+ Indigenous groups/people in VT
* Social/Environmental/Racial Justice oriented groups
	+ SURJ (Showing up for Racial Justice) leaders/members
	+ Hunger Free Vermont or the Addison County Hunger Council
* Multi-focus non-profits in VT
	+ VPIRG
	+ Rural Vermont (ruralvermont.org)
* Other / Unknown
	+ BRIDGES of Lincoln
	+ Brattleboro Community TV
	+ Board members of Addison County River Watch Collaborative
	+ Will Miller Chapter or the Green Mountain Veterans For Peace
	+ Jane Beck--Folk Life Museum
	+ Ret. Judge John Sessions--Vermont Federal Judge-Burlington, VT

Other Broad Categories mentioned

* Creative groups (e.g. music, literary)
* Hospice
* Environmental groups
* Business groups
* Activists for justice

Possible other groups not mentioned by survey respondents

* [Vermont Interfaith Power and Light](https://www.vtipl.org/) (George Lakey was the speaker at their fall conference)
* [Capstone Community Action](https://capstonevt.org/node/126)
* [Vermonters for a New Economy](https://www.neweconomyvt.org/)
* [Vermont Low Income Advocacy Council](http://vermontcap.org/resources/#vliac)
* [Vermont Affordable Housing Coalition](http://www.vtaffordablehousing.org/)
* [Vermont Peace and Justice Center](http://www.pjcvt.org/)
* [Rights and Democracy VT](http://www.radvt.org/)
* [VT Climate and Health Alliance](https://www.vtcha.org/)
* [VT Youth Lobby](http://www.youthlobby.org/)
* [The Root Social Justice Center in Brattleboro](http://www.therootsjc.org/black-indigenous-people-of-color-caucus-bipoc.html) (organized the Black, Indigenous, and People of color (BIPOC) caucus)
* [Legislative sponsors of H.3](https://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2020/H.3) – An act relating to ethic and social equity standards for public schools
* Possible conversations also around the [UN Sustainable Development Goals](https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals/)