

M E E T I N G N O T I C E
BENNINGTON SELECT BOARD
Monday, November 8, 2021
Bennington Fire Facility
Multi-Purpose Room - 3rd Floor
130 River Street
Bennington, VT 05201
A G E N D A

Site Visits

Brookside Drive -	5:00 PM - 5:15 PM
Entrance to Brookside Apts. South Street	
Foothills -	5:15 PM
Driveway south of Corey Lane on Monument Avenue	
1. Pledge of Allegiance	
2. Vision Statement	
3. Consent Agenda	6:00 PM - 6:05 PM
A. Minutes of October 25, 2021	
B. Warrants	
4. Proclamation-Purple Heart Community	6:05 PM - 6:15 PM
VFW	
5. COVID Update	6:15 PM - 6:25 PM
6. Public Comment	6:25 PM - 6:40 PM
7. Public Hearing	6:40 PM - 6:50 PM
Ninja Trail Grant Application	
8. Public Hearings Highway Discontinuance	6:50 PM - 7:10 PM
A. Brookside Drive	
B. The Foothills (TH 29)	
9. Downtown Funding Structure	7:10 PM - 7:20 PM
10. Community Policing Update	7:20 PM - 7:25 PM
11. Equipment Borrowing	7:25 PM - 7:35 PM
12. Manager's Report	7:35 PM - 7:45 PM
13. Upcoming Agenda	7:45 PM - 7:50 PM
14. Other Business	7:50 PM - 8:05 PM

BENNINGTON SELECT BOARD MEETING
130 RIVER STREET
BENNINGTON, VERMONT 05201
OCTOBER 25, 2021
MINUTES

SELECT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeannie Jenkins-Chair; Jeanne Conner-Vice Chair; Bruce Lee-Clark; Jim Carroll; Tom Haley; Sarah Perrin and Gary Corey.

SELECT BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Stuart Hurd-Town Manager; Dan Monks-Assistant Town Manager; Jonah Spivak-Communications Coordinator; Beth Wallace and Mary Rogers-Bennington Rotary Club; Linda Foulsham-Bennington Bookshop; Michael McDonough-Interim Executive Director-BBC; Eric Peterson; Michael Keane; Edie Sawitsky; David Forde-Centerline Communications; Linda Bermudez; Daniel Strohl; Mike Cutler-CAT-TV; and Nancy H. Lively-Secretary.

At 6:00pm, Ms. Jenkins called the meeting to order and asked those not vaccinated to wear a mask and social distance. There are wipes to wipe down the microphone if you wish to speak.

Bruce Lee-Clark moved and Tom Haley seconded to add Agenda Item 8A. Approval of the Municipal Planning Grant Application for the Armory. The motion carried unanimously.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. VISION STATEMENT

Ms. Conner read the Town's Vision Statement that was adopted by the Select Board on August 24, 2020:

"Bennington is a welcoming, engaged, inclusive, resilient community where everyone regardless of identity shares in our vitality and benefits from an outstanding quality of life."

3. CONSENT AGENDA

A. MINUTES OF OCTOBER 11, 2021 AND OCTOBER 19, 2021

B. WARRANTS

Jeanne Conner moved and Jim Carroll seconded to approve the Minutes of October 11, 2021 and the Warrants as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Jeanne Conner moved and Jim Carroll seconded to approve the Minutes of October 19, 2021 as presented. The motion carried with Bruce Lee-Clark abstaining.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following Public Comment Practices to make the experience for all involved a productive and informative use of the Public Comment period at Select Board meetings was placed on the podium for those that wish to make Public Comments to reference:

1. Public Comment is to allow residents an opportunity to share information or make announcements that benefit the community at large.
2. The topic should **not** be related to an agenda item. If a member of the public wants to comment on an agenda item they can do so during the discussion of that item.
3. Comments should be 3 minutes or less.
4. You are required to state your real name and town of residence.
5. Sharing comments, announcements and concerns are encouraged rather than asking questions. Public Comment is not a time for discussion. If you have specific questions it is best to call the Town Manager to get a full explanation and accurate information.
6. If the topic requires much discussion the item will be considered as an agenda item at a future meeting.

Linda Bermudez: The VFW Post has put together an Adult Scavenger Hunt that will take place on October 30, 2021 rain or shine in the Downtown to benefit the Downtown. It is open to the public, it is limited to 100 participants, and all participants must be 21 or over. Worksheets cost \$5.00 and are available at the VFW on Saturday between noon and 3:00pm. There will be a potluck dinner available at the end and the grand prize could be up to \$500.

Daniel Strohl: The Farmers Market will be starting their bi-weekly winter schedule on November 6th in the cafeteria of the old Benn High. In addition there will be online ordering and curbside deliveries, and they will be returning to the Deer Park in the summer. November 6th will also be State Representatives Day with our State representatives present. Masks will be required. Ms. Conner thanked Mr. Strohl for the information that the Farmers Market is putting on for our town.

5. DECLARATION OF INCLUSION - BENNINGTON ROTARY CLUB

Beth Wallace and Mary Rogers, representing the Bennington Rotary Club, presented the following Town of Bennington Declaration of Inclusion for the Town to adopt because "words matter":

"Town of Bennington Declaration of Inclusion

The Town of Bennington condemns racism and welcomes all persons, regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, gender identity or expression, age, or disability, and wants everyone to feel safe and welcome in our community.

As a town, we formally condemn discrimination in all of its forms, commit to fair and equal treatment of everyone in our community and will strive to ensure all our actions, policies and operating procedures reflect this commitment.

The Town of Bennington has and will continue to be a place where individuals can live freely and express their opinions."

70 *Board questions/comments:*

71 Mr. Lee-Clark agreed that "words matter but actions also matter".

72 Ms. Jenkins added that "we need to be able to make this come alive" and, as a Board, we need to make
73 recommendations on how to put this into action.

74 Ms. Perrin: Thanked the Rotary for coming.

75 Ms. Conner: We read the Town's Vision Statement at every Board meeting to remind us that we need to
76 do our part to implement this Declaration.

77 *Public questions/comments:*

78 Linda Foulsham: Noted the importance of the entire community implementing what has been adopted.

79 ***Tom Haley moved and Bruce Lee-Clark seconded to adopt the Town of Bennington Declaration***
80 ***of Inclusion as presented. The motion carried unanimously.***

81 Ms. Jenkins and Mr. Haley will put together some recommendations on moving forward with the
82 Declaration and bring them back to the Board for discussion in November. The Rotary will be sent a
83 copy of the Declaration and it will be put on the Town's website.

84 **6. DOWNTOWN FUNDING STRUCTURE - CONTINUED DISCUSSION**

85 *Gary Corey owns property downtown and recused himself from this agenda item.*

86 Topic of Discussion - Should the ~\$.20/\$100 of value paid as the Downtown Improvement District (DID)
87 tax paid by businesses in the DID or should it become part of the General Fund property tax at
88 ~\$8.00/\$100,000 of value?

- 89 • This would be similar to what we do for the Bennington Free Library, the McCullough Library, and
90 the Bennington Rescue Squad, as well as, the schools.
- 91 • Is supporting the Downtown something that enriches the whole community?
- 92 • The Downtown is/has been revitalized.

93 *Board and Public questions/comments:*

94 Mr. Carroll: What is the benefit to the Town to add the tax to the General Fund? Mr. McDonough:
95 Philosophically, everyone should support the Downtown. In addition, it says that we're all behind the
96 Downtown to see that it sustains the renewed vitality, provides flexibility to the Better Bennington
97 Corporation (BBC) to be partnered with the Town, we are the chosen Downtown Designated
98 Organization, and not fall short of seeing needs but not be able to meet them.

99 Mr. Carroll: How do the businesses on Northside Drive benefit from this? Mr. McDonough: The BBC
100 Mission Statement gives us the opportunity of having the significance of having a downtown core that is
101 successful. "Northside Drive doesn't need the help that a downtown requires." Ms. Jenkins: If people
102 come to Town because of a beautiful downtown and the Monument, etc., they will potentially stay, eat,
103 etc. outside of the Downtown and "explore the whole town".

104 Mr. Carroll: Has not heard complaints from the Downtown merchants about the additional ~\$400 in
105 taxes, so why change it? Mr. Peterson: The vitality in the Downtown is good for the whole town and we
106 need that vitality to continue. He has recently worked in a town that had no downtown and Bennington
107 was headed for that, too.

108 Mr. Keane: This is an opportunity for the Town to support the turnaround in the Downtown, as well as,
109 the turnaround in the whole Town. He encouraged the Town to see if a DID tax is best practice in
110 communities around the country.

111 Mr. Lee-Clark: Has requested the BBC Bylaws to see what their "technical, legal relationship" is with the
112 DID and what is their relationship to the Town Charter. He would like to see some legal opinion that
113 says that the Town can just remove the DID tax and put it onto the whole Town. Mr. Hurd: Did not seek
114 a legal opinion, however, we simply are deciding how we can best fund the activities of the contractor
115 that we're using in the Downtown. The Charter doesn't need to change, it would just be that the DID tax
116 is \$0.00.

117 Mr. Lee-Clark: The BBC will be funded, it's just a matter of who will be paying for it. To see a vote to
118 have it remain as the DID tax as a "kick in the teeth to the Downtown is a silly argument and one which I
119 will not accept."

120 ***Mr. McDonough: Will send the BBC Bylaws to the Select Board.***

121 Mr. McDonough: The Charter allows the Select Board to develop a DID and impose a tax for the purpose
122 of funding the Downtown which was established 30 years ago. "We've outgrown that", so rather than
123 expanding the taxing district, we should look at "town wide support and responsibility".

124 Ms. Perrin: This is how we're going to fund the BBC with the details of that to be further discussed at
125 budget time. Now we're voting on everyone supporting Downtown.

126 Mr. Carroll: Appealed to Mr. Spivak to get this out to the public for their comments on it.

127 Ms. Conner: Agrees with the philosophical aspect and "we all benefit from our Downtown so we should
128 all support it."

129 Ms. Conner: What are the upsides/downsides to the BBC if the funding source changed? Mr.
130 McDonough: For 30 years, the BBC has been able to maintain its role of devising ways that the
131 Downtown can advance. "There is no autonomy to that because we are in partnership with the Town."
132 The requirements to retain the Designated Downtown status is in the State statute. The change in
133 funding would make the BBC "more in concert with the Town as to how much more can we do, how
134 much more should we do?"

135 Mr. Haley: What was the thinking at the time - 30 years ago? Mr. Hurd: We needed to find a source to
136 fund downtown programs that were specific to the Downtown, which were, at the time, Bennington in
137 Bloom, the cast iron furnishings, and the trash barrels. Bennington in Bloom is now also on Northside
138 Drive and all of the Downtown furnishings are now part of the General Fund tax. "We're not where we
139 were 30 years ago."

140 Mr. Haley: Is having trouble with the timing because "we're already asking people to increase their
141 water bills to build a reserve and we're still in the midst of a pandemic where our economy is literally
142 adjusting before our eyes."

143 Edie Sawitsky: Everyone benefits from a vital downtown because that will draw people to town and
144 increase property values. It is a "win-win" for the downtown and the entire community.

145 Mr. Spivak: Was a business owner for several years before recently becoming the Communications
146 Coordinator for the Town. Having a downtown organization enables the Town to receive much funding
147 from State and Federal sources. It was frustrating to own a business that was just outside of the District
148 and clarified that it is a fraction of 1¢/\$100 to all of the taxpayers in the Town.

149 **7. POLICE PROCEDURES UPDATE**

150 Mr. Lee-Clark reported the following:

- 151 ○ The 1st set of Procedures that go with the 1st set of Policies are now on the Bennington Police
152 Department (BPD) website, www.benningtonpolice.com under the About tab.
- 153 ○ Also under the About tab is the BPD Table of Organization with the officers names and positions.
- 154 ○ The 2nd set of Procedures that go with the 2nd set of Policies will be on the Town of Bennington
155 website under Community Resources/Community Policing for comment from 10/27/21-
156 11/17/21.
- 157 ○ Also on the Town website, under Boards and Commissions, is the Safety and Equity Task Force.
- 158 ○ Police Work, Internal Investigation Process, is now under Additional Resources.

161 **8. AT&T POLE LEASE**

162 Mr. Monks and David Forde, Centerline Communications, reported the following on the AT&T
163 Pole Lease:

- 164 ➤ The Pole Lease is for a cellular attachment to a utility pole type structure in the Pleasant Street
165 area parking lot behind Madison's Brewery.
- 166 ➤ The property is owned by the Town, the term is for 10 years, and the rent is \$300/month with a
167 2% annual escalation.
- 168 ➤ The lease has been reviewed by Town Counsel and deemed appropriate for the Town.
- 169 ➤ The Planning Commission is comfortable with the aesthetics of the proposal.
- 170 ➤ There are several of these going up around town on existing utility poles owned by the utility
171 companies and approved by the Public Utility Commission. The Town doesn't have the authority
172 to review these.
- 173 ➤ This will help with coverage and capacity for the tower sites.

174 *Board questions/comments:*

175 Mr. Corey: Who's responsible if someone backs their car into it? Mr. Forde: AT&T is the full owner so
176 AT&T is responsible for any replacements.

Bruce Lee-Clark moved and Gary Corey seconded to approve the Small Cell Lease Agreement as presented at 117 Pleasant Street, Bennington, Vermont and to authorize the Town Manager to sign on behalf of the Town. The motion carried unanimously.

8A. MUNICIPAL PLANNING GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE ARMORY

Mr. Monks explained the following:

- ❖ In exchange for land on Bowen Road, the National Guard has agreed to transfer the historical Armory building to the Town.
- ❖ It will be 2-4 years before the National Guard will be able to move to Bowen Road and we will be able to assume the property.
- ❖ Since we want to make the best use of the building, we want to apply for the funding of a Reuse Plan for the Armory.
- ❖ There is a 10% local match for the grant that we will be satisfying with expenses related to occupancy regardless of what the Reuse Plan is. Other than these expenses, there will not be any additional cost to the taxpayers.
- ❖ Amendments can be made to the application after it has been submitted.
- ❖ The Board was pleased that there will be a process starting with a consultant and ending with community input as to the building's reuse.

Tom Haley moved and Bruce Lee-Clark seconded to approve the Municipal Planning Grant Application for the Armory Reuse Plan. The motion carried unanimously.

9. MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Hurd reported the following:

- ✓ FY 2023 Budget Schedule - As an FYI, many of our expenses have "gone through the roof".
It was the consensus of the Board to approve the FY2023 Budget Schedule as presented.
- ✓ Vicious Dog Complaint and Hearing Date - The Hearing was set for November 1, 2021 at 6:00pm in the Fire Facility public space.
- ✓ Economic Development Strategy Update - We are awaiting the White and Burke report analyzing the projects provided by Town departments, BCRC staff, BBC staff, and the Select Board's Economic Development and Infrastructure sub-committee. Available funding sources may be the \$3.9M ARPA funds, the TIF and other grants. Once this work is completed, public input will be sought.
- ✓ Stormwater Permits and Homeowners Associations - Three existing stormwater permits facing renewal require some changes due to regulatory action. Private residences with paved driveways and other spaces generate stormwater that must be managed under the law. We can comply by controlling what residents do on their properties, or we can, with the State's

assistance, seek to have these developments form Homeowners Associations, and through that authority, manage their own stormwater. We need to notify the homeowners of their two options. To be placed on a future agenda in the spring.

- ✓ Public Works Projects - Paving should be completed this week weather permitting. Some may need additional striping but the striping material has not been available. PFOA related water line extensions are essentially finished as is the south end water system improvements to increase pressure in higher elevations. Lead line removal efforts will continue for a time in those neighborhoods where lead service lines have been identified and remain.
- ✓ Additional Comments - Rail Trail - Mr. Monks reported that the trees have been cut and the rails are being removed this season. They will be returning in the spring to remove the ties and create a base for the trail. It will be paved from Bennington Station to Orchard Road and gravel from Orchard Road to Emma Street. Completion is expected in October 2022.
- ✓ Additional Comments - Orchard Village to Willowbrook Path - Construction of the pathway is complete and the ribbon cutting will be October 28, 2021 at 4:00pm.
- ✓ Additional Comments - Ms. Conner: How can we get the Senior Center information in a better way? Mr. Hurd: No one mentioned how they were getting their information now but were encouraging the Town to get more information out there. We'll see what we can do.

10. UPCOMING AGENDA

November 8, 2021 - Site Visit at 5:00pm at Brookside and then to the Foothills followed by a Public Hearing. All adjoining land owners have been notified.

November 8, 2021 - Decision on Downtown Funding

November 8, 2021 - Discussion on 10 Years Out From 2012 Community Visit Vermont Council on Rural Development. (The report is on the Town's website under Government/Documents)

November 8, 2021 - Dr. Dobson Update

11. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Lee-Clark: The Town of Bennington received an award for the purchase of Hybrid vehicles and electric bicycles.

Mr. Carroll: Thanked the Bennington Free Library for its fine presentation.

Ms. Conner: We are having a vote on November 2nd for some town improvements and the deadline for getting the Citizen's Survey in is November 5th. Surveys are available on the website, at the Town Office, at the Senior Center, at the Rec Center, and possibly, at the Bennington Free Library.

251 Mr. Corey: The Energizer Reuse Study Comprehensive Report is complete at 146 pages. The press
252 release will be coming out soon and it can be viewed at www.benningtonvt.org/reports

253 Ms. Jenkins: Commented on how beautiful the work is that has been done on the River Walk and how
254 beautiful the flowers are that the Gift Garden is handing out.

255 **12. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

256 **A. REAL ESTATE**

257 **B. PERSONNEL**

258 *At 7:48pm, Bruce Lee-Clark moved and Sarah Perrin seconded that the meeting was adjourned*
259 *finding that an Executive Session be held on Real Estate and Personnel as premature public knowledge*
260 *would place a person involved in the subject matter at a substantial disadvantage. There will be no*
261 *actions taken on these items when going back into Open Session. The motion carried unanimously.*

262 Respectfully submitted,

263 Nancy H. Lively

264 Secretary

**SELECT BOARD
MINUTES ADDENDUM**

October 25, 2021

Present: Jeanne Conner, V. Chair, Jeannie Jenkins, Chair, Jim Carroll, Bruce Lee-Clark, Gary Corey, Tom Haley, and Sarah Perrin

Also Present: Stuart Hurd, Town Manager, Dan Monks, Assistant Town Manager, and Shannon Barsotti, Community Development Director

The Board went into executive session at 7:47 pm for a real estate matter and a personnel matter.

The Board came out of executive session at 8:34 pm. No action was taken.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Stuart A. Hurd", written over a horizontal line.

Stuart A. Hurd



TOWN OF BENNINGTON

PROCLAMATION PURPLE HEART COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, the people of Bennington, Vermont have great admiration and the utmost gratitude for all the citizens of this community who have selflessly served in the Armed Forces which has been vital in maintaining the freedom and the way of life enjoyed by all; and

WHEREAS, citizens of this community have been killed in action while serving in the Armed Forces and have been posthumously awarded the Purple Heart for their ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, citizens of this community have been awarded the Purple Heart for being wounded by the enemy while engaged in combat; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is the oldest American military decoration. It was created as The Badge of Military Merit, made of purple cloth in the shape of a heart with the word "Merit" sewn upon it, on August 7, 1782 in Newburgh, New York by General George Washington, then reestablished as the Purple Heart on February 22, 1932 by General Douglas MacArthur; and

WHEREAS, the heritage it represents is sacred to all who recognize the sacrifice made to wear the Purple Heart; and

WHEREAS, August 7th is nationally recognized as Purple Heart Day.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that we, the Bennington Select Board, hereby recognize August 7th of a given year as Purple Heart Day in Bennington and urge our citizens and organizations to display the American Flag as well as other public expressions of recognition and appreciation of our Purple Heart recipients. We further proclaim Bennington, Vermont a Purple Heart Community, honoring the service and sacrifice of those from our community who were awarded the Purple Heart while serving in our Nation's wars.

Dated at Bennington, Vermont this 8th day of November 2021.
Select Board, Town of Bennington, Vermont

Jeannie Jenkins, Chair

James Carroll

Gary Corey

Bruce C. Lee-Clark



Jeanne Conner, Vice Chair

Tom Haley

Sarah Perrin



MEMORANDUM

To: Town of Bennington Select Board

From: Mark Anders, Bennington County Regional Commission

Re: Transportation Alternatives (TA) Grant Application for Ninja Path

Date: November 2, 2021

This memo is to request the Select Board's approval of a \$200,000 grant application to the VTrans Transportation Alternatives Grant Program for additional funds for the Ninja Path Project. The funds would allow completion of Phase 1 – the essential link that in combination with Morse Road will allow the public to safely walk and bicycle between North Bennington/Bennington College and Bennington. Phase 1 includes all project elements that cannot be done by the Town Highway Department.

Project Background

The Ninja Path combined with the Rail Trail will provide a safe walking and cycling route between Bennington College/North Bennington and downtown Bennington.

In 2016, the Town Highway Department built the first section of the Ninja Path between the Bennington College entrance and Hannaford Plaza.

In 2017, an interim dirt path was cleared from Hannaford Plaza to Morse Road. A temporary timber bridge was constructed across the Furnace Brook. The timber bridge is no longer usable.

In 2016 the project was awarded a \$1.1 million VTrans Bike/Pedestrian Grant in for design and permitting of a paved path from Hannaford Plaza to Harmon Rd., where it will connect to the existing path behind Walmart to Hicks Ave. Significant progress has been made on the project including successful negotiation with the Agency of Natural Resources to allow the path along the Walloomsac and Furnace Brook river corridors, design through Final Plans, and most importantly, acquiring the 11 easements needed for the project.

Increased Project Cost

The total project cost has risen due to increases in material prices and because of design modifications made to satisfy wetland, river corridor, and stormwater regulators. The total estimated project cost is now \$1.94 million.

Phased Project

To break the project into smaller sections that have a realistic chance of grant funding the plan is to build the project in three phases:

- Phase 1: Furnace Brook Bridge, Hannaford Bridge and paved path connection to Morse Rd., and design and permitting of entire path (all phases).
- Phase 2: Construction of a path between Hannaford Plaza and Furnace Brook
- Phase 3: Construction of a path between Furnace Brook and Harmon Rd.

MEMORANDUM

To: Select Board

From: Stuart A. Hurd, Town Manager

Re: Capital Equipment Borrowings

Date: November 3, 2021

This year we are borrowing \$301,953.00 to purchase several pieces of highway equipment all within the recently approved budget. Included in this note are a Kubota Tractor with Boom Mower, a Western Star Dump Truck, and a 1 Ton Pickup Truck.

To move forward, the Board would move to waive the reading of the Resolution and accept the note as presented. The Board must sign the Note, the Resolution, and the Tax Certificate. I have marked the pages. Following your approval, we will have the Treasurer and the Clerk sign where appropriate and submit the documents.

MANAGER'S REPORT

November 8, 2021

ACTION

Nothing at this time.

INFORMATIONAL

EPA Action – JARD Site, Bowen Road The EPA will be installing monitoring wells at the JARD site. These wells will be used to gather groundwater data to further determine the impact on the surrounding environment.

Franklin Lane Update The design plans are completed. Staff have been working to gather construction estimates before a formal bid process is underway. This effort has been delayed due to the unavailability of contractors in our region. We are now looking to a Spring 2022 bid.

Town Website Redesign The plans to redesign the Town's website to improve its accessibility and its overall look are slowly forming. We have money in this fiscal year for this effort. We hope to be ready to send out an RFP (request for proposals) by January 2022.

Citizen Survey The Citizen Survey, begun in October, has now been closed, the last date for submittals being November 5, 2021. The process of consolidating and tallying the results will now begin.

FOLLOW UP

Overtime Reports for October are attached.

Community Development and Permitting/Planning Reports are attached.

10/26/21
02:04 pm

Town of Bennington Payroll
Overtime Report
10/23/21 - 10/28/21

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DEPARTMENT	OT HRS	GROSS AMT	OVERTIME	PRCT
TOTALS FOR DEPT 300	0.00	758.31	0.00	0.00%
TOTALS FOR DEPT 321	0.00	3,513.60	0.00	0.00%
TOTALS FOR DEPT 340	0.00	294.31	0.00	0.00%
TOTALS FOR DEPT 341	0.00	3,530.40	0.00	0.00%
TOTALS FOR DEPT 343	0.00	2,160.00	0.00	0.00%
TOTALS FOR DEPT 344	4.00	2,346.32	148.32	6.32%
TOTALS FOR DEPT 350	0.00	2,610.00	0.00	0.00%
TOTALS FOR DEPT 362	0.00	4,844.01	0.00	0.00%
TOTALS FOR DEPT 365	0.00	3,364.40	0.00	0.00%
TOTALS FOR DEPT 371	0.00	8,315.40	0.00	0.00%
TOTALS FOR DEPT 410	107.50	42,944.40	4,945.95	11.52%
TOTALS FOR DEPT 510	18.50	18,253.09	680.79	3.73%
TOTALS FOR DEPT 540	19.00	9,012.58	746.74	8.29%
TOTALS FOR DEPT 590	10.50	7,069.71	412.51	5.83%
TOTALS FOR DEPT 790	0.00	848.81	0.00	0.00%
REPORT TOTALS	159.50	**,***,**	6,934.31	6.31%

10/19/21
11:38 am

Town of Bennington Payroll
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10/16/21 - 10/21/21

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TOTALS FOR DEPT 365	0.00	3,364.40	0.00	0.00%
TOTALS FOR DEPT 371	3.00	8,396.29	103.86	1.24%
TOTALS FOR DEPT 410	109.50	43,691.01	5,004.97	11.46%
TOTALS FOR DEPT 510	7.00	17,486.93	244.07	1.40%
TOTALS FOR DEPT 540	26.00	9,095.24	1,069.08	11.75%
TOTALS FOR DEPT 590	14.50	7,234.09	576.89	7.97%
TOTALS FOR DEPT 790	0.00	848.80	0.00	0.00%
REPORT TOTALS	160.00	** , *** . **	6,998.87	6.42%

10/12/21
02:56 pm

Town of Bennington Payroll
Overtime Report
10/09/21 - 10/14/21

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TOTALS FOR DEPT 410	63.50	41,517.73	2,766.77	6.66%
TOTALS FOR DEPT 510	4.00	17,599.34	139.53	0.79%
TOTALS FOR DEPT 540	26.00	9,172.99	960.99	10.48%
TOTALS FOR DEPT 590	16.50	7,355.43	652.07	8.87%
TOTALS FOR DEPT 790	0.00	848.80	0.00	0.00%
REPORT TOTALS	114.00	** , *** . **	4,704.00	4.40%

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DEPARTMENT	OT HRS	GROSS AMT	OVERTIME	PRCT
TOTALS FOR DEPT 321	0.00	3,573.60	0.00	0.00%
TOTALS FOR DEPT 340	0.00	294.31	0.00	0.00%
TOTALS FOR DEPT 341	0.00	3,530.40	0.00	0.00%
TOTALS FOR DEPT 343	0.00	2,160.00	0.00	0.00%
TOTALS FOR DEPT 344	0.00	2,198.00	0.00	0.00%
TOTALS FOR DEPT 350	0.00	2,610.00	0.00	0.00%
TOTALS FOR DEPT 362	0.00	4,544.00	0.00	0.00%
TOTALS FOR DEPT 365	3.00	3,475.64	111.24	3.20%
TOTALS FOR DEPT 371	2.00	8,005.85	69.69	0.87%
TOTALS FOR DEPT 410	76.75	43,813.60	3,423.79	7.81%
TOTALS FOR DEPT 450	0.00	875.00	0.00	0.00%
TOTALS FOR DEPT 510	13.50	18,217.75	471.27	2.59%
TOTALS FOR DEPT 540	13.50	8,792.90	580.89	6.61%
TOTALS FOR DEPT 590	9.50	6,991.85	334.63	4.79%
TOTALS FOR DEPT 790	0.00	848.80	0.00	0.00%
REPORT TOTALS	118.25	** , *** . **	4,991.51	4.54%

Recreation:

a. YMCA program planning:

The Bennington Community Center (Rec Center) has a busy pool schedule with lap swimming, water exercise classes, swimming classes and family swim. New exercise equipment will be coming soon to the weight room, and a strength and conditioning room has opened up in the basement. The Y is also running afterschool programs at the Village School in North Bennington and at the Bennington Sports Center (old Catamount School), as well as a "tumbling tots" playground at BSC. At Benn High, there are also 8 popular exercise classes and a walking group meeting every week. The pool, adult fitness, and youth program schedules are updated regularly on the Bennington Recreation center Facebook page.

b. Bennington Outdoor Recreation Collaborative:

The Town of Bennington received a \$10,000 grant from the Vermont Community Foundation to support outdoor recreation with wayfinding signs, photography, graphic design, and print media. Jonah Spivak redesigned the Town's recreation page to highlight more outdoor recreation opportunities and partners. I hired a local photographer to take photos of outdoor recreation sites and people enjoying them during the fall. I'm finalizing the outdoor recreation wayfinding signs with GVH studio.

c. Appalachian Trail Community designation:

The Appalachian Trail Conservancy officially designated Bennington as an Appalachian Trail Community, which puts Bennington on the map for their marketing and promotion to AT hikers. I am on the advisory committee for the Bennington AT Community, and we are working on educational events for Bennington residents, a hiker appreciation day for AT hikers, as well as trail improvements and wayfinding. MAUHS teacher Dylan Wajda has started a Mountain Club outing club for teens and we're planning some activities on the AT this coming spring. The next AT Community meeting will be held via Zoom on November 17 at 6 pm.

e. Recreational Facilities and Animating Infrastructure Grant:

The Town of Bennington received a Recreation Facilities grant from the State of Vermont to add fencing around the green space next to the Morgan Springs water facility at Memorial Park (Rec Center). This is a sizable green space that will be used for youth programming, outdoor exercise classes, and community picnics. The new fencing is installed at the green space and allowed the Y to run a popular youth sports program this fall. Another Animating Infrastructure grant will support art installations along the fence, such as creative benches and gates, working with local artists and designers through the Vermont Arts Exchange. We held a community workshop, "Reimagining the Rec Center Green" and common themes were creating a play zone for kids, more landscaping, a shade structure and incorporating local history and photos into the artwork that is created. Matthew Perry of the Vermont Arts Exchange will lead

the artist recruitment and planning for the art installations. We recruited a local landscape designer to help with landscape planting next spring.

f. Trolley line path:

I am on the advisory committee for the Trolley Line path scoping study that is led by Cat Bryars and Mark Anders of BCRC. This study examines the feasibility of converting the abandoned electric trolley car bed in Southwestern Vermont into a 14-mile shared-use path for pedestrians and cyclists traveling between Bennington and Pownal, VT and Williamstown, MA.

Economic Development Committee:

I'm part of the town committee that has formed to discuss economic development priorities and work with consultants White and Burke.

Vermont Begins Here:

Eight Oh Two Marketing is continuing the digital marketing campaign to promote Bennington. We are running Facebook ads to promote fall and winter travel to Bennington. VBH blog posts for November promoted unique lodging in Bennington.

Local Food Security:

I continue to meet with the Bennington Mellon Advisory (food security) group, as well as the planning group for the Southern Vermont Regional Food Network, which promotes a stronger regional network for sustainable local agriculture.

The downtown market advisory group developed out of the SVRFN and is focused on a downtown market that supports local farms and food producers and supplies fresh produce to downtown Bennington. This advisory group is forming a nonprofit called the Four Corners Community Market and developing a business plan and assessing available downtown space for the food market.

Community Development Block Grants:

The Berkshire Family YMCA, UCS Head Start, and Sunrise Family Resource Center received VCDP grants to support Covid-19 related expenses and HVAC upgrades. The Town also received a VCDP grant for \$500,000 to support the Shire Housing Bennington Family Housing project at 300 Pleasant Street. I am working on paperwork required for each grant agreement and subgrant agreement along with progress reports. Shires Housing submitted a VCDP application for two recovery housing projects and Hale Resources received additional funding for the affordable housing development at 219 Pleasant Street. 219 Pleasant Street will be completed soon and Hale Resources will be planning an open house.

Historic Preservation Grants:

I am working with GVH Studio on a history/recreation/arts and culture panels for a new downtown kiosk funded with an historic preservation (CLG program) grant. The kiosk will be completed and installed by the end of November. I also submitted another historic preservation grant in partnership with Bennington College to put the college campus on the National Register of Historic Places, and we were awarded this \$5,000 grant.

Shannon Barsotti

Franklin Lane Improvement Project:

Dan and I have been meeting with MSK Engineering and BCRC to discuss final improvements to Franklin Lane. Scheduling contractors during the busy summer season has been a challenge and it looks like the work will need to start next spring. This project is funded with a \$50,000 Downtown Transportation Fund grant.

Municipal Planning Grant:

Bennington received a VT Department of Housing and Community Development Municipal Planning Grant to develop a re-use plan for the recently closed Energizer battery factory. The MPG award of \$22,000 will be combined with a \$20,000 state Brownfields grant to also do an environmental assessment of the property. BCRC helped the Town to manage the project, and Camoin Associates, Inc. was chosen to complete the reuse study and housing study. The study can be found on the town's website under Special Reports and Documents.

BBC Executive Director Hiring Committee:

I participated as a member of the hiring committee for the Better Bennington Corporation's Executive Director position. The BBC hired Jenny Dewar as their new Executive Director.

Tourism and Marketing Grant:

I submitted a grant application for a state marketing grant for \$20,000 that would support entertainment and marketing for downtown summer events, starting with Mayfest, followed by a weekly music series at the splash pad stage, and ending with a Harvestfest.

In the past month, I have met with the Berkshire Family YMCA management team, the owner of Benn High LLC, Eight Oh Two Marketing, Historic Preservation Commission, Four Corners Community Market, Town Economic Development committee, Better Bennington Corporation, Shires Housing, Vermont Arts Exchange, BCRC, Meals on Wheels, Bennington Museum, Vermont League of Cities and Towns, SVSU, Alliance for Community Transformations, and AT Community Committee.

**Summary of Building Permits Issued
October 2021**

Construction Type	Month to date	Month to Date Volume	Year to date	Year to Date Volume
	Permit Totals		Permit Totals	
Single Family Dwelling	1	\$50,000.00	4	\$1,025,000.00
Duplex	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Mobile Homes	0	\$0.00	2	\$103,700.00
Apartments	0	\$0.00	1	\$3,200,000.00
Apartment Renovations	2	\$140,000.00	14	\$2,796,500.00
Condominiums	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Residential Renovations	1	\$3,200.00	6	\$583,200.00
Residential Additions	0	\$0.00	2	\$140,000.00
Commercial Construction	1	\$1,998,000.00	1	\$1,998,000.00
Commercial Renovations	3	\$214,000.00	24	\$2,032,946.70
Industrial Construction	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Industrial Renovations	0	\$0.00	1	\$109,000.00
Garages	2	\$131,400.00	8	\$302,400.00
Sheds	7	\$22,033.95	23	\$84,930.95
Decks/ Porch	2	\$5,600.00	29	\$233,350.00
Institutions	0	\$0.00	6	\$964,900.00
Signs	5	\$6,105.00	18	\$31,405.00
Use & Zoning	0	\$0.00	12	\$24,918,055.00
Subdivision	0	\$0.00	6	\$0.00
Home Occupation	0	\$0.00	1	\$0.00
Propane Tank/Storage Tank	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Boilers/Furnaces/RTU's, A/C	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Tents	0	\$0.00	6	\$1,425.00
Handicap Access/Ramps	0	\$0.00	1	\$4,327.00
Concreate Slabs	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Cell Towers/Communications	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Solar Installations	2	\$16,308.00	6	\$506,559.00
Camps	1	\$2,000.00	1	\$2,000.00
Withdrawn	0	\$0.00	2	\$90,100.00
Demolition	2	\$0.00	8	\$0.00
Total	29	\$2,588,646.95	182	\$39,127,798.65

**12-Years At a Glance
Permit Totals Only**

Month	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
January	2	6	12	11	5	8	15	10	5	6	5	11
February	7	7	7	6	7	15	8	5	7	5	8	9
March	11	6	31	13	12	10	14	19	11	13	9	19
April	32	34	31	18	22	27	14	15	15	23	11	29
May	31	27	27	38	20	23	19	27	23	24	19	23
June	32	34	32	20	19	21	19	10	14	12	25	16
July	23	20	24	33	29	47	16	29	30	28	12	16
August	26	14	30	21	29	20	18	25	25	16	27	16
September	32	15	21	32	27	22	21	21	23	26	9	14
October	22	19	38	30	21	28	9	19	20	20	17	29
November	12	22	10	16	11	12	8	16	11	8	15	
December	7	17	18	18	7	10	5	8	11	11	5	
Total	237	221	281	256	209	243	166	204	195	192	162	

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Approval status included: Granted

Occupancy status included: Any status

Decision dates included: Between 10/01/2021 and 10/31/2021

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36515801	21-125	100 NORTHSIDE DR LLC Bolaji Ogunderu 100 NORTHSIDE DR Lobby/Seating Area and Outside Remodel	Building C.O. Pending	Granted 10/12/2021	562.20 195,000.00
56507200	21-132	MAIN JAMES M JR James M Main JR 115 PROSPECT ST Change Single Family Into 2-Family Dwelling	Building C.O. Pending	Granted 10/01/2021	212.04 2,000.00
12012000	21-133	BANDMAN FAMILY REVOCABLE TRUST Power Guru (Alex) 1808 S STREAM RD Install Solar Panels on Rooftop	Building C.O. Pending	Granted 10/01/2021	35.70 2,151.80
58512100	21-134	BOUCHARD JESSIELYN R & SARAH B Sarah Bouchard 18 CENTER ST Renovating room to 1/2 Bath and new outside	Building C.O. Pending	Granted 10/01/2021	25.00 3,200.00
30506001	21-135	AMBROSE FAMILY TRUST U/A 8/28/13 Michael Ambrose 904 EAST RD 10x12 Shed	Building C.O. Granted	Granted 10/04/2021	35.00 5,134.80
36500500	21-139	ALL PURPOSE STORAGE Tim Wilkins 221 NORTHSIDE DR Commercial Storage Buildings	Building C.O. Pending	Granted 10/07/2021	15,350.00 1,998,000.00
51556100	21-141	126/128 BEECH STREET LLC Chris Moore 128 BEECH ST Cold Storage Building (42x60)	Building C.O. Pending	Granted 10/01/2021	292.00 81,400.00
25500900	21-142	SANTACROSS ORESTE A & JOYCE A Oreste Santacross 1048 HOUGHTON LN Wood Tool Shed (12x12)	Building C.O. Pending	Granted 10/01/2021	35.00 1,000.00
43515200	21-143	WOLD CHRISTINE R Christine Wold 117 LEONARD ST Renovation of garage into work/craft space and adding port	Building C.O. Pending	Granted 10/13/2021	78.00 50,000.00

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49530300	21-144	HILLTOP PROPERTIES LLC Eric Subik 107 PUTNAM ST Repairs/Renovations to duplex from fire damage	Building C.O. Pending	Granted 10/04/2021	479.52 138,000.00
24502000	21-145	RECKLESS PHEASANT LLC Windy Britches LLC (Martha Wiles) 864 HARWOOD HILL RD Convert closet into 3/4 bathroom	Building C.O. Pending	Granted 10/13/2021	50.00 4,000.00
50570602	21-146	BENNINGTON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL Bruce Carpenter 109 SOUTH ST Tenant Fit-Up (Roof)	Building C.O. Pending	Granted 10/14/2021	640.00 15,000.00
08014002	21-147	BEAL SUSAN D Catherine Bryars 1601 MONUMENT AV Pre-fabricated 10x16 Storage Shed	Building C.O. Pending	Granted 10/14/2021	45.00 6,147.75
50535900	21-148	HALL MICHAEL P & KASSIE L Michael Hall 322 -324 GAGE ST Prefabricated 10x12 Shed	Building C.O. Pending	Granted 10/15/2021	35.00 5,251.40
63503000	21-149	BECKER PAUL H & ANNA P Anna Becker 643 GORE RD Adding Roof Over Stairs	Building C.O. Pending	Granted 10/15/2021	35.00 5,000.00
51516500	21-150	KENNEDY PAUL D & LUCILLE M Zahra Wynter 106 WARN ST Install Solar Panels on Rooftop	Building C.O. Pending	Granted 10/26/2021	25.00 14,157.00
58516400	21-151	GRACE PATRICK B & PENELOPE Patrick & Penelope Grace 33 EAST ST Prefabricated 8x10 Shed	Building C.O. Pending	Granted 10/28/2021	35.00 3,200.00
07015900	21-152	HOWLAND RONALD R & INA M Ronald & Ina Howland 3036 WEST RD Single Family Home - Walkout Basement	Building C.O. Pending	Granted 10/26/2021	211.00 50,000.00
07013801	21-153	HORST FREDERICK C Jim & Frederick Horst 366 HORST RD Insulated Structure With Electric Heat (105 Square	Building C.O. Pending	Granted 10/21/2021	25.00 2,000.00

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56522000	21-154	GINGO CHARLES A & CHRISTINE A Charles & Christine Gingo 210 GRANDVIEW ST Adding Small Porch Roof (3' off house/5' wide)	Building C.O. Pending	Granted 10/22/2021	25.00 600.00
45014125	21-155	BURDICK ANDREA M & MICHAEL Andrea & Michael Burdick 105 ABBOTT ST Prefabricated 8x8 Shed	Building C.O. Pending	Granted 10/26/2021	35.00 800.00
57521500	21-156	CUTLER DANIEL J & SHANNON L Daniel Cutler 184 A S BRANCH ST 16x8 Storage Shed	Building C.O. Granted	Granted 10/22/2021 10/22/2021	35.00 500.00

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Approval status included: Granted

Occupancy status included: Any status

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50564400	S21-014	APPLEJACK DEVELOPMENT LLC Berkshire Sign Studio 210 SOUTH ST Simmons Financial double-sided 3x3 sign	Sign	Granted C.O. Not required	10/01/2021	40.00 1,000.00
50561700	S21-015	WOLTMAN NANCY Berkshire Sign Studio 465 MAIN ST Angry Egg 2 single-sided 96"x20" and double-sided 3x2	Sign	Granted C.O. Not required	10/01/2021	40.00 1,885.00
50553900	S21-016	COMPASS POINTS PROPERTIES LLC Sarah Crawford 512 MAIN ST 1 sq ft sign - white vinyl lettering (514 Pop Up)	Sign	Granted C.O. Not required	10/14/2021	20.00 20.00
35504501	S21-017	JBM CARMEL LLC JBM Carmel LLC 14 MORSE RD 54 sq ft steel sign	Sign	Granted C.O. Not required	10/07/2021	135.00 3,000.00
50522802	S21-018	114 GAGE ST HOLDINGS LLC Michelle LeBlanc 114 GAGE ST	Sign	Granted C.O. Not required	10/25/2021	80.00 200.00

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Approval status included: Granted

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45012300	2021	ALLEN RAYMOND E & DOROTHY Raymond and Dorothy Allen 551 N BRANCH ST Removal of two sheds (one 10x10 and one 12x12)	Local/Custom C.O. Not required	Granted 10/25/2021	25.00
45014125	2021	BURDICK ANDREA M & MICHAEL Andrea & Michael Burdick 105 ABBOTT ST Removal of an 8x8 Shed	Local/Custom C.O. Not required	Granted 10/25/2021	25.00