

M E E T I N G N O T I C E

BENNINGTON SELECT BOARD

Monday, June 26, 2023

Bennington Fire Facility

Multi-Purpose Room - 3rd Floor

130 River Street

Bennington, Vermont 05201

A G E N D A

6:00 PM

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Vision Statement

3. Consent Agenda

6:00 PM - 6:05 PM

A. Minutes of June 5 and June 12, 2023

B. Warrants

C. Licenses

4. Public Comment

6:05 PM - 6:20 PM

5. Skate Park Design

6:20 PM - 6:40 PM

6. 300 Pleasant Street CDBG/Final Public Hearing

6:40 PM - 7:00 PM

7. State Motel Voucher Program Expiration/Town Proposal

7:00 PM - 7:15 PM

8. Set Water/Sewer Rates

7:15 PM - 7:25 PM

9. Traffic Ordinance Amendments

7:25 PM - 7:40 PM

10. Implementing the Town Vision

7:40 PM - 7:50 PM

11. Manager's Report

7:50 PM - 7:55 PM

12. Upcoming Agendas

7:55 PM - 8:00 PM

13. Other Business

8:00 PM - 8:05 PM

14. Executive Session

A. Contracts

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1 **BENNINGTON SELECT BOARD MEETING**

2 **130 RIVER STREET**

3 **BENNINGTON, VERMONT 05201**

4 **JUNE 5, 2023**

5 **MINUTES**

6 **SELECT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jeannie Jenkins-Chair; Tom Haley-Vice Chair; Jeanne
7 Conner; Ed Woods; Gary Corey; Jim Carroll; and Sarah Perrin.

8 **SELECT BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.

9 **ALSO PRESENT:** Stuart Hurd-Town Manager; Dan Monks-Assistant Town Manager; R.J. Joly-
10 Public Works Director; Larry Gates-Assistant Public Works Director; Melissa Courier-Finance
11 Director; Michele Johnson-Human Resources and Contracts Administrator; Sam Restino; Nancy
12 White; CAT-TV; and Nancy H. Lively-Secretary.

13 At 5:00pm, Chair Jeannie Jenkins called the meeting to order.

14 **1. WATER/SEWER FUND BUDGETS**

15 Mr. Hurd noted that the proposed increases for the FY24 fiscal year are 4.4% in the
16 Water Fund and 3.4% in the Sewer Fund giving a 1% increase in the Water Rates and a 5%
17 increase in the Sewer Rates. The water fund has appeared to stabilize due to maximizing
18 depreciation over the last several years, the increase of customers from the PFOA projects, the
19 elimination of annual projects for system compliance due to the bond passing, and there are no
20 water projects planned. The sewer fund is impacted by increased costs of certain materials due
21 to inflation, increased depreciation for the County Street sewer replacement, some increases in
22 operational costs, and the continuing bond payment.

23 *Board comments/questions on the Water Fund Budget answered by Mr. Hurd, Mr. Joly, Mr.*
24 *Gates, and Ms. Courier:*

25 Ms. Conner: Explain the health care costs increase. *We are part of the Blue Cross/Blue Shield*
26 *pool and our costs increase with them. Health care costs are on a calendar year so there are no*
27 *increases the first 6 months and a 10% increase assuming the costs will increase during the*
28 *second 6 months.*

29 Ms. Conner: Explain the energy efficiencies in all of our facilities. *We are adjusting our pump*
30 *run schedules by not running 2 pumps at the same time and the hydro running at the plant*
31 *continues to produce energy at 12-15 KWH.*

32 Mr. Corey: Where does the bond for the water fund show up in the budget? *We just received*
33 *approval and haven't started paying yet, however, we will be sure that money is set aside for*

34 *when payments are due and we have enough in reserve to cover that. There is usually a one*
35 *year delay on a water fund bond payment so we are ~2 years out before these payments will*
36 *affect the budget.*

37 Mr. Corey: Explain the Total Water Fund changes from the FY22 Budget, to the FY22 Actual, to
38 the FY23 Budget, to the FY24 Budget? *The FY22 Actual is \$1.9M for the lead line project that we*
39 *will be fully reimbursed for and is a Construction in Progress so it will eventually show again in*
40 *the FY23 Actual.*

41 Mr. Carroll: How is the budget affected by the new Morgan Springs pump station? *We have*
42 *actually seen an increase in income and expect ~\$200K in income up from the previous income*
43 *of ~\$120K. We anticipate a steady increase in income that will eventually follow inflation.*

44 *Board comments/questions on the Sewer Fund Budget answered by Mr. Hurd, Mr. Joly, Mr.*
45 *Gates, and Ms. Courier:*

46 Mr. Gates explained that the contracted costs for sewer line cleaning will decrease \$30,000 this
47 year due to the purchase of a used vac truck for \$78,000. We previously had sub-contracted
48 this out at a cost of \$60,000-\$70,000/year.

49 Ms. Jenkins: Are we replacing the sand filter? *This is an ongoing discussion and sand filters are*
50 *no longer used - they are disc filters. Two years ago these were estimated at \$1.8M and are*
51 *higher now. Our current sand filter is getting us by. At some point in the future we will be*
52 *asking for a bond vote.*

53 Mr. Corey: This is the first year we aren't doing the 10.5% increase. What is the impact of that?
54 *The 10.5% increase was to get us to where we needed to be and we are leveling that out. We*
55 *are still in transition now and not able to begin rebuilding our reserves. The anticipation is that*
56 *this will occur in the next budget cycle or two.*

57 Mr. Corey: Did the County Street project wipe us out? *It didn't wipe us out and it's a Capital*
58 *Asset with a 75 year depreciation so the impact is spread out over 75 years and increases our*
59 *assets.*

60 Ms. Perrin: Are there any other anticipated increases? *Chemical costs continue to rise and there*
61 *are 4 sewer pumps that will need replacing/rebuilding at ~\$42,000 and we will need to replace*
62 *our filtration system at some time in the future.*

63 Ms. Perrin: Are there lines that need replacing? *We are slip lining on Depot Street which is a*
64 *\$100,000 project with an expected 75 years for depreciation. If we were to not slip line as was*
65 *done on BenMont Avenue it would be \$1.2M. Also, there is a possibility of being able to slip line*
66 *down to 6" which will be helpful as we have many lines that are 6".*

67 Mr. Carroll: Are the wipes in the sewer still an issue? *Yes, and the low flow toilets add to the*
68 *problem.*

69 *Public comments/questions answered by Mr. Hurd, Mr. Joly, Mr. Gates, and Ms. Courier:*

70 Sam Restino: Will continue to remind the public about flushing the wipes. How are the bio-
71 chemical levels with all of the breweries in town? *We have talked to the breweries. Some have*
72 *worked to alleviate some of the discharge and we have added aeration in our RBC's so we are*
73 *currently handling things very well.*

74 Sam Restino: What are the 3 top products besides the wipes that come into the wastewater
75 treatment plant? *Wipes are the worst and sand and gravel after a rain storm.*

76 Sam Restino: How does the power from the hydro plant in Papermill Village affect us? *We have*
77 *a contract with that hydro plant but it doesn't affect the water and sewer plants - that is solar.*
78 *However, we do get 5%-10% reduction in our electricity rates from the hydro plant.*

79 Nancy White: There was a \$28,000 transfer to the Highway Fund. Doesn't the money in the
80 Water and Sewer Budgets stay in those budgets? *There are administrative costs that are split*
81 *among all of the funds.*

82 Nancy White: Is the cost of electric meters in the water budget for charging stations for the
83 cars? *No, that should be water heaters and not water meters. We maintain \$20,000 for the*
84 *replacement or installation of the water meters.*

85 Nancy White: Why don't we charge people to use our charging stations for their cars so we
86 could reduce our electric bills? *The 3 stations away from the Town Office belong to Green*
87 *Mountain Power. The one on Pleasant Street and the one directly by the Town Office are ours*
88 *and were mostly paid for by a grant and we aren't allowed to charge for their use.*

89 Nancy White: Why was the cost of BenMont Avenue \$900,000 and County Street \$1.2M? *No,*
90 *the cost of the entire project - BenMont Avenue and County Street - was \$1.2M.*

91 Nancy White: The sand filter was at a cost of \$2M. Are we ready to go with that now? *We're*
92 *still waiting for the State's low interest loan.*

93 Nancy White: What will we have left at the end of this month in the Water and Sewer
94 Reserves? *Ms. Courier did not have that information available so Ms. White will contact her in*
95 *the office.*

96 Nancy White: Is there a list of projects in the order they need to be done? *The 3 that we just did*
97 *- Gage Street and the South End - were on that list, as was County Street and BenMont Avenue.*
98 *Much of the rest of the list was prepared for ARPA infrastructure money.*

99 Nancy White: Are we done with the Hurricane Irene Bond now? *No, we still owe on it.*

100 Nancy White: Is the \$10M bond for the wastewater treatment plant going to increase or stay
101 the same all of the way through? *The principal payment remains the same throughout but the*
102 *interest payments will be dropping.*

Jim Carroll moved and Gary Corey seconded to approve the FY24 Water and Sewer Budgets as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. PERSONNEL

At 5:45pm, Gary Corey moved and Ed Woods seconded that the meeting was adjourned finding that an Executive Session be held on Personnel as premature public knowledge would place a person involved in the subject matter at a substantial disadvantage. No action will be taken when going back into Open Session. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy H. Lively

Secretary

1 **BENNINGTON SELECT BOARD MEETING**

2 **130 RIVER STREET**

3 **BENNINGTON, VERMONT 05201**

4 **JUNE 12, 2023**

5 **MINUTES**

6 **SELECT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jeannie Jenkins-Chair; Tom Haley-Vice Chair; Jeanne
7 Conner; Ed Woods; Gary Corey; Jim Carroll; and Sarah Perrin.

8 **SELECT BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.

9 **ALSO PRESENT:** Dan Monks-Assistant Town Manager; Shannon Barsotti-Community
10 Development Director; Jonah Spivak-Communications Coordinator; Rodney Galton, Ian Jewkes,
11 and Michael Buscher-Chelsea Solar; Representative Dave Whitman and John Rogers-State
12 Motel Voucher Program; Beth Wallace Mike Bethel; Sam Restino; Laurie Mulhern; Kelly Carroll;
13 Nancy White; Lora Block; Maru Leon-Griffin; Bruce Lee-Clark; Wendy Lawrence; Peter
14 Lawrence; Lincoln Colbert; Representative Mary Morrissey; Clark Adams; Chad Foster; Mary
15 Ellen Mumley; Bill Perrot; Diane Lisa; Colleen Wall; 30 citizens; Jim Therrien-Bennington
16 Banner; Josh Boucher-CAT-TV; and Nancy H. Lively-Secretary.

17 At 6:00pm, Chair Jeannie Jenkins called the meeting to order and reminded everyone
18 that it is easier to hear up front and there is one set of head phones available.

19 **1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

20 The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

21 **2. VISION STATEMENT**

22 Mr. Haley read the Town's Vision Statement that was adopted by the Select Board on
23 August 24, 2020:

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

26 **3. CONSENT AGENDA**

27 **A. MINUTES OF MAY 22 AND MAY 30, 2023**

28 **B. WARRANTS**

29 **C. LICENSES**

30 *Ed Woods moved and Gary Corey seconded to approve the Minutes of May 22, 2023*
31 *amended as follows:*

May 22, 2023 Minutes Addendum, Lines 3, Change “personnel” to “legal”

The motion carried unanimously.

Jeanne Conner moved and Ed Woods seconded to approve the Minutes of May 30, 2023. The motion carried with Gary Corey abstaining.

Jeanne Conner moved and Ed Woods seconded to approve B. Warrants and C. Licenses. The motion carried unanimously.

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.

Sam Restino: 1. Reminded everyone not to flush wipes. 2. Reminded everyone that there is a vote on 6/13/23 from 10:00am-7:00pm with four towns involved. 3. The CTC litigation should be an agenda item. 4. The Town should ask businesses if they are struggling before they go out of business.

Beth Wallace: Explained that the SVSU vote on 6/13/23 is to extend the lease to 30 years. The Pownal Elementary, the Oak Hill Children’s Center, and the Headstart Pre-School Building have been there since 1995 in a modular building that needs to be replaced. The vote is not for the building - we have federal funding for that - it’s just to extend the lease so we can continue there.

Mike Bethel: Is requesting that the Town take \$2,000-\$3,000 from the advertising budget and spend it on ads in the Bennington Banner to promote our businesses through foliage. Some of those businesses will also be contributing their own dollars.

Laurie Mulhern: Requested that the packet documents, especially the warrants, be available for public review prior to the meeting. *Ms. Jenkins: This will be fixed.*

Kelly Carroll: The monthly Riverwalk is 6/17/23 at 10:00am at People's Park. We will be walking to the Community Park and have a talk by Master Gardener, Nathan Harrington. You can park at the rec center if this is too far for you to walk.

Nancy White: It is unfortunate that most voters are unaware of the vote on 6/13/23 because the SVSU has waited until today to provide information on it. Because the proposal is to charge UCS \$1/year rent for 30 years with a 30 year option means that the towns will be paying for the maintenance of the property with UCS not making any contribution to that. How was it legal for the Town to have given UCS a \$1/year lease for their addition to the rec center without a vote? *Mr. Monks: That lease was approved by counsel.*

5. CHELSEA SOLAR DISCUSSION

Ms. Jenkins explained that the Planning Commission had advised to deny the request by Ecos Energy, LLC for a solar array because it was against the Town Plan's criteria for a solar array preferred site.

Rodney Galton, Senior Project Manager at Ecos Energy, LLC, Michael Buscher, and Ian Jewkes did the following presentation:

- The proposal is for a 2.0MW ground-mounted solar PV project located on a portion of a 27.3 acre parcel off of Willow Road in the Rural Conservation Zone.
- Clearing is 9.54 acres - reduced from 10 acres - and the panels will take up less than 5 acres.
- Part of the Vermont Standard Offer program, the project will sell power to VEPP, Inc. for 25 years.
- This Chelsea project is eligible for the low-income Community Bonus Investment Tax Credit that can be paid to the Town for this project (\$425,000).
- We are proposing grading on the north and east with some excavation for the access run to Willow Road.
- The project was last before the Public Utility Commission (PUC) in Case No. 17-5024, and the Final Order in that case on January 2, 2019 held that the Project met all of the §248 criteria (including orderly development (b)(1) and aesthetics (b)(5)).
- However, the PUC determined that because the Project would share a portion of the newly built Green Mountain Power utility line extension with the planned

Apple Hill solar facility, the two projects would be considered to be a “single plant”.

- The PUC gave us two options in the Final Order - (i) formally merge the two projects and seek authorization of a 4.0MW facility or (ii) demonstrate that the Project does not share infrastructure with the Apple Hill solar facility. We have elected option 2.
- On January 22, 2018, the Town of Bennington adopted the Bennington Town Plan Energy Amendment which introduced the concept of “preferred areas” for solar development in the Town.
- Areas with “proximity to existing hedgerows or other topographical features that naturally screen the entire proposed array” are specifically identified as “preferred areas”. Clearly, the intent of this provision is to include any site as “preferred” if the project is not visible because of the existing hedgerows or other topographical features.
- This Project is specifically designed to meet the criteria of a “preferred area” because it is naturally screened by the existing hedgerows without alteration to the hedgerows.
- An Environmental Consultant has concluded that the project will not have an adverse effect on outstanding resources waters, water pollution and headwaters, floodways, streams, shorelines, wetlands, soil, rare and irreplaceable natural areas, rare threatened or endangered species, necessary wildlife habitat, or impact any primary agricultural soil.
- Due to the Planning Commission’s concerns of the impact on the hydrology of the area, and based on the evaluation and reports from our hydrology consultant, there will be no significant impacts from the construction or operation of the proposed Chelsea Solar project on the hydrology or hydrogeology of the area, including on water supplies, groundwater, drainage, streams or wetlands.
- This Project is a smaller, more compact version of that previously held to satisfy the statutory criteria regarding aesthetics and is designed to meet the definition of “preferred area” under the Town Plan Energy Element.
- Post construction simulation photos show that the array cannot be seen from the Golf Course or Welcome Center.
- Both the Chelsea Project and the Apple Hill Project qualify for the IRS Low-Income Community bonus investment tax credit (ITC) of \$425,000 each, or \$850,000 for both.
- In exchange for the Town’s support of the Projects, we would pay upon commercial operation \$425,000 per project to the Town to use as it sees fit.
- To summarize the benefits/impacts continued:
 - Low/no burden on town services

- One-time payment of up to \$850,000
 - Increased tax revenue for Bennington
 - Naturally screened
 - No noise
 - No waste
 - Very low traffic
 - No lighting
 - Low impact
 - Helps Bennington meet its 2025 energy goals
- The Planning Commission is attempting to re-write the Energy Amendment to read: “existing hedgerows and other topographical features that naturally screen the entire array” and to include only existing fields as “preferred areas”.
 - The Planning Commission’s view of forested sites is directly contrary to the Select Board’s decision regarding the forested sites of Stark and Warner solar projects in Bennington designated as “Preferred Areas” by the Select Board.
 - This would also preclude developers from incorporating any supplemental landscape mitigation or grading to limit offsite visibility for fear of losing the “preferred area” status.
 - In addition to the “substantial alteration” test not being in the Energy Amendment, it is also vague and, therefore, unenforceable. Developers would have no way of determining what “substantial alteration” means.
 - As demonstrated in the visual simulations from the Welcome Center, if this Project was to be built without the contemplated grading, the Project is still “naturally screened” and qualifies as a “Preferred Area”.
 - One of the Planning Commission criticisms was that some of the screening provided by vegetation is not on our land. First, the Energy Amendment does not say “naturally screened by vegetation controlled by applicant”, and Second, it is highly unlikely VTRANS would ever clear the vegetation to the south and west of the Project. But, if VTRANS were to do so, the Project is still “naturally screened” as demonstrated in the visual simulations of Route 7 and the Welcome Center.
 - The balance of the Planning Commission’s analysis of the Project (i.e. views of the residences to the north and visibility of the clearing) are (1) contrary to any evidence and (2) unrelated to the “preferred area” question before the Select Board.

Board comments/questions answered by Rodney Galton, Ian Jewkes, and Michael Buscher from ECOS Energy, LLC:

Mr. Woods: Is this Plan the same one that the Planning Commission has? Yes.

178 Ms. Conner: Explain the earthwork that has been referenced. *On the north end of the site the*
 179 *array is being pushed down 18' to 6' on the south end. Cut slopes on the north and east side*
 180 *and fill slopes on the south and west side. This is to screen from the elevated areas around*
 181 *town, specifically the Golf Course.*

182 Mr. Corey: Do you have test cores to see if you'll hit ledge? *We do have a few done that are*
 183 *showing "stiff sediment" but not ledge. We still have a few more to do.*

184 Mr. Corey: Did the Planning Commission receive the Impact Report? *Yes, at the December 13,*
 185 *2022 meeting.*

186 Mr. Corey: Do you know why this site was not listed as a preferred site? *No.*

187 Ms. Jenkins: You're doing more test cores because you don't know how to excavate the 18'?
 188 *Yes. We are comfortable with the information that we have that blasting would not be*
 189 *necessary. That would only be if we found actual ledge.*

190 Mr. Corey: In the Hydrologic Evaluation it mentions cracked ground. How does this affect the
 191 solar panels? *Solar panels cannot be placed on impervious ground and this reference is speaking*
 192 *to the access into the site.*

193 Ms. Perrin: Am I correct in that the 9.5 acres will be cleared? *That is correct - 9.54 acres will be*
 194 *cleared.*

195 Mr. Carroll: What did the Planning Commission tell you their conclusion was? *They were*
 196 *concerned about hydrology because of the amount of earthwork that we needed to do, that the*
 197 *abutters to the north would be able to see the clearing, and that the site would be visible from*
 198 *the elevated areas in Town. Therefore, it was their conclusion to reject the preferred area*
 199 *designation. However, because we have met the screening criteria, we feel that it should be a*
 200 *preferred site.*

201 *Public comments/questions answered by Rodney Galton, Ian Jewkes, and Michael Buscher from*
 202 *ECOS Energy, LLC:*

203 Lora Block: Spoke to reasons not to approve the site below:

- 204 ✓ As President of the Apple Hill Neighborhood, she is speaking on their behalf.
- 205 ✓ We hope that the Select Board will agree with the Planning Commission's decision that
- 206 the Chelsea Project cannot be created as a preferred site.
- 207 ✓ Nowhere does it say that you can change a site geographically to make it into a
- 208 preferred site.
- 209 ✓ This company has illegally cleared many of the natural hedgerows and are under
- 210 questioning by the PUC already. Were they still there, they may have protected the
- 211 site from being visible.

- 212 ✓ Not only is this site not a preferred site, it has been denied by the PUC and the
213 Supreme Court of Vermont because it would be visible by key locations such as the
214 Monument and the Country Club.
- 215 ✓ The PUC is the one that makes the decision, not the Town, and ECOS Energy have
216 already asked them to extend their contract again to give them more time to build it.
- 217 ✓ Contract extensions are important because a contract 10 years ago gave them
218 13¢/KWH, whereas, a new contract only gives them 8¢/KWH.
- 219 ✓ They don't want to move the project to a preferred site because the contract stays
220 with the land.
- 221 ✓ Even though there are two projects - Chelsea and Apple Hill - they are adjacent and the
222 Supreme Court hasn't made a decision on the Apple Hill Project.
- 223 ✓ Our thanks goes out to the Board for intervening on the Chelsea Project.
- 224 ✓ At a recent meeting of the Apple Hill Association, a unanimous vote rejected a sizable
225 monetary settlement from these developers if we stopped objecting to both the
226 Chelsea and Apple Hill projects.

227 Bruce Lee-Clark: Is in favor of solar energy, renewable energy, and the Town Plan but is not in
228 favor of either the Chelsea or Apple Hill projects. There are many preferred sites that can be
229 utilized for solar projects, but they own this land and want the higher rate. "This is the wrong
230 project, in the wrong location, and for 10 years, has been the wrong time."

231 Maru Leon: Requests that the Board deny this proposal as the PUC has done in the past. It is
232 against our Town Plan, is visible from the Monument and the Country Club, and destroys the
233 aesthetics of our scenic area. Ms. Leon shared many photos with the Board.

234 Wendy Lawrence: In favor of solar but this is about right project, right place. There are a lot of
235 contingencies involved in the \$850,000 that we didn't feel would come to fruition, and at the
236 end of the life cycle of a solar project, the land must be restored to the way it was. How will
237 they do that if "pushing down or blasting"?

238 Colleen Wall: Where is all of the spoil from their excavation being dumped?

239 Diane Lisa: How does stiff soil translate to the ledge that you see driving up Route 7?

240 Sam Restino: One of your solar rays caught fire and they are starting to show their age and lack
241 of maintenance. "You're wasting time on our agenda."

242 Representative Mary Morrissey: Why were we shown simulated photos that can show what
243 people want you to see instead of actual photographs? She supports solar and renewable
244 energy but this is not the project or the time. How many times have the people in this room
245 heard this same information?

246 Lincoln Colbert: There is no way that is not going to affect the aesthetics of the beautiful
247 mountains. We don't even allow billboard signs because of what they do to our landscape. Not
248 the time or the place.

249 Peter Lawrence: Every time we hear a presentation, the developers put their spin on the PUC
250 and Planning Commission's decisions. They have said that the Chelsea Project and the Apple
251 Hill Project are separate - they are not because they both share the same access point. Just
252 follow the Planning Commission's decision.

253 *Michael Buscher response:*

254 *We have done a lot of research on this project, so please consider all of the points that we've*
255 *made. We have gone to great lengths to make this project acceptable to the Town. This project*
256 *will not be visible as we have shown.*

257 ***Sarah Perrin moved and Jim Carroll seconded to accept the Planning Commission's***
258 ***recommendation, and deny Alco Renewable Energy Limited's request to deem the Chelsea***
259 ***Solar Project as within a preferred area under the Town Plan Energy Amendment.***

260 Mr. Woods noted that there are preferred sites to be used, he is in favor of solar energy,
261 but is opposed to this as a preferred site.

262 ***The motion carried unanimously.***

263 **6. STATE MOTEL VOUCHER PROGRAM EXPIRATION**

264 Ms. Jenkins explained that the State motel voucher program has ended. There has been
265 much work on this subject and we are here to learn of what our options are going forward. We
266 have put a lot of attention on the Putnam Block and Benn High but we have also given housing
267 much consideration. We have done work on the management of funding on projects such as
268 the Norton House Renovation, Shires Housing, and Hale Resources renovations on Pleasant
269 Street. We are beginning to rewrite the Town Plan to include Equity Training that reflects the
270 Town Vision.

271 Representative Dave Whitman did the following presentation:

- 272 ○ The need for housing is a major issue in the State and especially for our most vulnerable.
- 273 ○ In March 2020 when social distancing became a priority with the COVID pandemic, the
- 274 State responded with an 'open door' policy for our General Assistance Housing Program
- 275 - also known as the Hotel/Motel Voucher Program - made possible by Federal COVID
- 276 CARE Act dollars.
- 277 ○ Pre-pandemic the State spent \$5M on vouchers and during the pandemic it went to
- 278 \$50M.
- 279 ○ In November 2022, Vermont was providing over 1,500 motel rooms to 2,500
- 280 Vermonters including almost 600 children.
- 281 ○ In 2022, 1/3 of those in a shelters had a mental disorder and ¼ had a substance abuse
- 282 problem.
- 283 ○ The Program came close to expiring in the Fall of 2021 and was extended until the
- 284 Spring of 2023.

- After the federal dollars ran out, the Legislature appropriated ~\$25M of the State's General Fund to buy us 3 months to get us to where we are today.
- Since March 2020, Vermont has appropriated federal and state funds of \$900M to housing as a whole.
- In our next budget year we have dedicated ~\$100M for housing assistance and ~\$100M to address permanent housing with \$25M dedicated to the Hotel/Motel Voucher Program, as well as, \$17M for the housing opportunity program.
- The Voucher Program is not going away but it will not be fully funded to provide shelter primarily in the winter months, to older Vermonters, families with children, Vermonters with a disability, and survivors of family violence.
- The Agency of Human Services (AHS) has a request for proposal (RFP) prioritizing locations in Rutland County, Washington County, and Chittenden County for 1,000 emergency shelter beds.
- The AHS is also working with the Department of Forest, Parks and Recreation for showers and camping facilities.
- Everyone is accountable for addressing homelessness.

John Rogers, Spokesperson for the Homeless Crisis Subcommittee, did the following presentation:

- Following the 5/18 Project Alliance meeting discussion on the termination of the General Assistance Emergency housing program, 34 individuals representing 25 local community service providers from town and state offices formed the Homeless Crisis Subcommittee.
 - ❖ Goal: To establish a response between state, town, and local community organizations that ensures homeless individuals exiting hotels are valued, supported, and connected.
 - ❖ Key Objectives/Definition of Success:
 - 1. By August 1, 90% of homeless individuals are formally connected to the best community partner to meet their needs.
 - 2. By August 1, 80% of homeless individuals have been screened for coordinated entry.
 - 3. By July 1, all who need credential materials (ex. Photo identification, social security card, etc.) have received support and requests for missing materials have been properly submitted.
- The Housing Crisis Subcommittee have responded to the Vermont Department of Children and Families (DCF) appeal for Letters of Interest (LOI) by 6/1 - 45 letters were sent - to request immediate funding and resource needs.
 - ❖ Submitted LOI Topics:
 - 1. Funding for the creation of a multi-disciplinary street outreach team including service vans that will replace the state sponsored CCHRT that terminates on July 1.

- 2. Funding for the purchase of the Thatcher House to serve as transitional housing for 10 families as they pursue permanent housing.
- 3. Funding to extend lodging in the Fife & Drum hotel for 15 individuals for 5 months as they pursue permanent housing.
- 4. Funding for a transitional housing village made up of 16 single and 2-person tiny houses as they pursue permanent housing.
- In addition for state funding for longer-term projects, efforts for short-term with no or low funding required could be implemented within the next 30-60 days.
 - ❖ Ensuring AHS is identifying out of county transitional and permanent housing resources to Coordinated Entry lead organizations.
 - ❖ Partnering with the Town of Bennington per their proposal to grant \$50K from the Revolving Loan Program to 6 families for 4 months as they pursue permanent housing.
 - ❖ Develop a pop-up day shelter where homeless individuals can access electricity, Wi-Fi, local support agencies, showers, bathrooms, etc. The shelter will utilize North American Mission Board disaster relief showers when units are not deployed for a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) disaster event.
 - ❖ Form a local outreach team to augment efforts underway by the AHS transitional housing outreach team.
 - ❖ Producing an informational flyer to be distributed widely listing available support resources.
- Of the 191 people exiting hotels over the summer, Bennington County could see 100 unsheltered individuals of which 60 are highly vulnerable.
- Specifically, we are asking for four things:
 - ❖ 1. Can you help us identify, secure, and stand up a location for a pop-up day shelter that would provide access to electricity, water, and sewer by July 15th ?
 - ❖ 2. Can the majority of the select board and key town leadership engage in weekly meetings to collaborate on initiatives to provide a coordinated and complimentary response?
 - ❖ 3. Can you join with us to quickly navigate local and state zoning challenges for the projects selected and funded by DCF?
 - ❖ 4. Can the Housing Crisis Subcommittee have a standing agenda item at the select board's meetings until the crisis has waned, perhaps until October?

Ms. Jenkins: Your first three asks we have already discussed and are doable. 1. Dan is working on the day shelter; 2. Select Board members can attend any meeting as individuals but Open Meeting Law prevents us to appear as a Select Board quorum when we are actually representing the Select Board. 3. We were on the call on local and state zoning with the state zoning the bigger issue of the two. And, 4. You are welcome to come to any meeting to share any updates you may have.

364 Mr. Monks: We are in the early stages of the Revolving Loan consideration. More work needs
365 to be done and we may have some information at the next Select Board meeting. Ultimately,
366 the Select Board will need to approve any proposal.

367 Mr. Haley: Read the following letter to the Legislative Delegation from the Select Board:

368 “Dear Legislative Delegation,

369 As you are aware, the end of the Motel Voucher program has created a crisis situation for
370 families and individuals utilizing this resource as well as for the communities within which
371 affected recipients reside.

372 The Town of Bennington staff and Select Board have been fully aware of this looming crisis. We
373 have diligently worked to encourage new housing, particularly in the downtown area, through
374 use of technical and grant resources, use of the Town’s revolving loan program, and the
375 redesign of our Land Use and Development Regulations. For more than a decade, we have
376 actively partnered with developers, including Shires Housing, the Housing Authority, the
377 Putnam Project, and Hale Resources, to increase housing stock through both rehabilitation of
378 older units and new construction.

379 Bennington is also pleased to be home to state agencies for the county and a healthy and
380 engaged non-profit sector. These entities have served our county well. We understand the
381 advantages of housing individuals needing access to state services close to those services.
382 However, this places a significant strain on Bennington as the primary housing and sheltering
383 location.

384 To help us help those in need more effectively and to build the additional social infrastructure
385 that our communities need, the Bennington Select Board asks you, as our legislative delegation,
386 to address the needs outlines below.

- 387 • Provide specific funding to communities, including Bennington, who serve as hub
388 communities for unhoused families and individuals. These communities generally host
389 state health and social services and serve as economic hubs in their counties. The
390 strain on municipal government services, non-profit organizations, and schools is
391 substantial.
- 392 • Double the Bennington County funding for Pathways Vermont to expand their services
393 to work more closely with unhoused families and individuals. They have
394 demonstrated their expertise in providing an effective housing model.
- 395 • Increase funding to our transit system partner, Green Mountain Express, to increase
396 the number and reach of the system so that families that rely on public transit have
397 efficient access to work, school, and services located not just in Bennington, but
398 throughout the county.

399 • Last, we ask that the legislature do the hard work of addressing the barriers in state
400 laws and regulations, including elements of ACT 250, so that communities can increase
401 housing stock in a timely matter.

402 The Town of Bennington thanks our delegation for the assistance provided over the years and
403 looks forward to working collaboratively to serve our community in this present crisis.

404 Sincerely,

405 Bennington Select Board”

406 ***Gary Corey moved and Jeanne Conner seconded to send the above letter to the***
407 ***Legislative Delegation from the Bennington Select Board as read by Tom Haley. The motion***
408 ***carried with Jim Carroll abstaining.***

409 *Public comments/questions on the State Motel Voucher Program Expiration.*

410 Sam Restino: Supports the Select Board’s actions and would not want to see tents along the
411 newly completed Rail Trail.

412 Clark Adams: Homelessness is not eliminated with one solution. Money seems to be what is on
413 the table. The Motel Voucher program is a short term plan so what is the long term plan for a
414 long term multifaceted problem?

415 Chad Foster: As a therapist dealing with those in this crisis situation agrees that there is not one
416 solution, however, what we’re trying to achieve is everyone in the community to be involved
417 and there is not a straight line solution for everyone that is homeless.

418 Bill Perrot: Appreciates what the Town is trying to do but many people are coming to Vermont
419 because they say Vermont has the best benefits. Vermont is one of the top 10 states for
420 benefits, and because of that, many have had multiple chances. Also, consideration should be
421 given to reaching out to large organizations, such as the Salvation Army, and a vacant building
422 such as the former K-Mart can accommodate many people with room for the services that
423 would be needed.

424 Mary Ellen Mumley: Encourages community involvement and will work with anyone on how to
425 help as individuals. We need more of a sense of urgency.

426 Kelly Carroll: Thanked the Select Board for their letter to the Legislative Delegation and was
427 glad to hear that there are 1,000 beds coming and encourages everyone to make Bennington
428 County a priority. “Vermont does not stop in Rutland.”

429 Laurie Mulhern: Is part of a group of 2,000 individuals who reach out to help others that are in
430 need for whatever the reason. Contact her on Facebook if you would like to be a part of these
431 efforts.

Nancy White: There are citizens in Bennington that would like the other towns to step up to help and to continue to put pressure on Montpelier. There should be shelters in other towns in Bennington County besides Bennington. We also should have a facility that can house those that need 24-hour supervision by trained staff because they shouldn't be on their own.

Ms. Jenkins stated that we desire that everyone work together, discussions will continue and there are plans in the works.

7. IMPLEMENTING THE TOWN VISION

Kelly Carroll, Chair of CPARB, shared the following information:

- The CPARB meeting will be 6/15/23 at 6:00pm at the Fire Facility. Lorna Mattern, Executive Director of UCS will speak on the relationship between UCS and the Police Department and Police Chief Paul Doucette will speak on how policing is affected by the new changes with the legislative laws.
- CPARB will have its first Community Listening Session on 6/29/23 from 6:00pm-8:00pm at the Fire Facility. Pizza and child care will be provided.

Mr. Haley noted that the Town will be celebrating Juneteenth on June 16th on Depot Street.

8. STAFF UPDATE - VILLAGE CEMETERY REPAIRS

Jonah Spivak did the following presentation:

- Last fall over 200 headstones were overturned at the Village Cemetery and citizens from near and far came to right those headstones.
- However, we were not able to do repairs to the headstones that were needed at that time.
- The Village Cemetery is the oldest cemetery where 2,100 veterans are buried.
- Dozens of headstones were repaired by volunteers from Halifax, Rutland, Clarendon, Bennington, and surrounding towns on May 27, 2023. This would normally cost hundreds of dollars/headstone.
- We also benefited from the expertise of the Vermont Old Cemeteries Association (VOCA) as we couldn't have done it without them. Under their tutelage we also removed some trees that would have fallen and damaged other headstones in the future.
- Because we had installed cameras after the incident last fall, the vandalism that took place in the spring was very limited and the juveniles responsible were apprehended within hours.
- Giving back to VOCA in next year's budget was suggested as they literally saved us thousands of dollars.

9. APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Gary Corey moved and Jim Carroll seconded to approve the following 2023-2024 Slate of Boards and Commissions:

Development Review Board - Ron Alderman, Bill Barney, Charles Kokoras

Housing Authority - Nancy Balconis (Open seat) and Scott Fox (Tenant seat)

Planning Commission - Ken Swierad, Bridget Elder, Curan VanDerWielen

Regional Commission - Donald Campbell

Energy Committee - Chris Bates, Alison Levie, Bruce Lee-Clark

CPARB - Select Board has chosen to keep this seat open 2023-2024

Historic Preservation - Joe Hall, Jeff Goldstone, Thomas Blakely

Select Board Appointments 2023-2024....

Bennington Free Library - Gary Corey (liaison)

Better Bennington Corporation - Jeanne Conner (liaison)

Community Policing Advisory Review Board - Tom Haley (liaison)

Energy Committee - Jeannie Jenkins (voting member)

Rescue Squad - Ed Woods (liaison)

The motion carried unanimously.

10. MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Monks did the following report:

Paving - The Town has begun paving some of the streets not done last construction season. We do not expect to overspend the total amount budgeted for projects.

County Street - This project moves forward. We expect to complete the work before the end of the fiscal year and there will be sidewalks on both sides of the street.

Depot Street Slip Lining - We are slip lining a sewer main originally installed as clay tile. Slip lining is a more cost-effective way to essentially replace a failing pipe with material that should last 100 years.

Ms. Conner asked if Willow Park is 100% complete, and Mr. Monks answered that it is.

11. UPCOMING AGENDA

June 26, 2023 - Skate Park Design

June 26, 2023 - Benn High Project - if ready

498 June 26, 2023 - Water and Sewer Rates
499 June 26, 2023 - Monument Arts Presentation
500 June 26, 2023 - Shires Housing Hearing
501 June 26, 2023 - Parking at the Fire Facility and the Community Garden
502 July 10, 2023 - BBC Budget

503 **12. OTHER BUSINESS**

504 Ms. Conner: Congratulations to the MAU graduates.

505 Mr. Woods: Kudos to the MAU Seniors for their plans on their Instagram Page.

506 **13. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

507 **A. LEGAL MATTER**

508 *At 8:40pm, Ed Woods moved and Tom Haley seconded that the meeting was*
509 *adjourned finding that an Executive Session be held on a Legal Matter as premature public*
510 *knowledge would place a person involved in the subject matter at a substantial*
511 *disadvantage. No action will be taken when going back into Open Session. The motion*
512 *carried unanimously.*

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514 Respectfully submitted,

515 Nancy H. Lively

516 Secretary

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330341	*SCOTT BENTLEY	06/20/23	06/20/23	Pavilion Deposit Refund	30.00	01-2700.000
Pre-Paid 330339	*SCOTT FOSTER	06/15/23	06/15/23	Refund Agreement	4,125.84	41-5940.850
330342	14 STATE PLUMBING & HEATI	06/09/23	601	Install/Repair Items	900.00	02-5170.680
330343	802 RESTROOMS	06/19/23	11322	Porta-PottyDepot/CountySt	180.00	02-5200.560
330344	A & K SLIP FORMING, INC.	06/15/23	7933	County St Curb	31,009.00	02-5200.560
330345	AAA POLICE SUPPLY	06/05/23	BC27375	Armor Express Traverse	300.00	01-4100.190
330346	ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	06/06/23	6265	Battery	112.55	02-5330.220
		06/08/23	8163	Oil Filter	6.99	02-5330.220
		06/01/23	6548	2017 Ford Taurus (PD)	326.04	02-5330.220
		06/01/23	6553	2017 Ford Taurus (PD)	119.59	02-5330.220
		05/30/23	7731	2013 Ford Taurus (PD)	50.39	02-5330.220
		05/30/23	7733	2013 Ford Taurus (PD)	309.48	02-5330.220
		06/02/23	6571	2013 Ford Taurus (PD)	52.79	02-5330.220
		06/13/23	7097	Oil Filter	29.08	02-5330.220
		06/13/23	8384	Core	-65.00	02-5330.220
				TOTAL CHECK	941.91	
330347	AIRGAS USA, LLC	05/31/23	9138577662	Zip Wheel	150.53	42-5480.220
330348	ALL-OUT WASTE MANAGEMENT	06/09/23	17049	Porta-Potty Beech St	135.00	01-7160.560
		06/09/23	17050	Porta-Potty SVC	135.00	01-7160.560
		06/09/23	17051	Porta-Potty Stark St	135.00	01-7160.560
				TOTAL CHECK	405.00	
330349	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES,	05/31/23	174CLVC6CMCE	Employee Rec Items	186.79	01-3000.159
		06/05/23	1MCKKWN913RHH	Highlighters	9.98	42-5400.200
		06/12/23	1DTJ3DJV1L4T(2)	Toner	289.12	01-4100.200
				TOTAL CHECK	485.89	
330350	AMERICAN LEGION POST 13	06/05/23	06/05/23	Flowers & Flags	1,600.00	01-8044.440
330351	AT HOOSICK, LLC	03/16/23	X40500752501A	Air Filter	37.25	02-5330.220
		06/09/23	X40500891801T	Transducer	75.15	02-5330.220
		06/13/23	X40500895401F	Floor Mats	114.08	41-5920.220
					114.08	02-5330.220
				TOTAL CHECK	340.56	
330352	BENNINGTON HIGH LLC	06/15/23	06/15/23	Monthly Lease	5,252.00	01-7800.650
330353	BERKSHIRE FAMILY YMCA	06/15/23	06/15/23	Management Services	12,000.00	01-7100.561
330354	BRIDGET GALLANT	06/20/23	06/20/23	Cell Phone Reimbursement	480.00	01-3620.340

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					108.50	42-5480.560
					30.00	02-5120.560
		06/01/23	739599	N Benn - Trash	15.00	01-5430.570
		06/01/23	1182206	Recycling	8,020.79	01-5430.570
				TOTAL CHECK	8,434.34	
330356	CDW GOVERNMENT INC	06/02/23	JX84102	Samsung T7-2TB-USB's	3,287.70	01-4140.230
		06/07/23	KB59121	Firewall & License	1,530.18	01-4140.230
		06/07/23	KB77775	Computer Tools	55.12	01-3410.680
		06/05/23	JZ70363	Computer Tools	56.20	01-3410.680
		06/06/23	KB22191	Computer Parts	35.24	01-7900.230
		06/06/23	JZ93081	Samsung 65" TV	514.09	01-9520.850
				TOTAL CHECK	5,478.53	
330357	CENTURY ACQUISITION INC.	06/17/23	11040024	Concrete for County St	1,510.00	02-5200.560
		06/17/23	11040025	Concrete for County St	23,090.00	02-5200.560
				TOTAL CHECK	24,600.00	
330358	CHADWICK-BAROSS, INC.	06/07/23	M38783	Repairs-Tow Behind Jetter	2,369.32	42-5420.680
330359	CINTAS	02/17/23	4146883394	Cleaning Supplies -PD	263.08	01-4170.210
		03/03/23	4148279156	Cleaning Supplies -PD	35.29	01-4170.210
		06/01/23	4157191044	Uniforms - WW	12.24	42-5400.190
		06/15/23	4158649081	Uniforms - WW	12.24	42-5400.190
		06/01/23	4157191065	Uniforms - Water	14.88	41-5900.190
		06/08/23	4157946055	Uniforms - Water	14.88	41-5900.190
		06/15/23	4158649262	Uniforms - Water	14.88	41-5900.190
		06/01/23	4157190991	Uniforms - Highway	233.58	02-5100.190
		06/08/23	4157946185	Uniforms - Highway	233.58	02-5100.190
		06/15/23	4158649307	Uniforms - Highway	233.58	02-5100.190
				TOTAL CHECK	1,068.23	
330360	COMCAST	06/03/23	06/03/23	8773 50 030 0281422	91.59	02-5100.340
		06/09/23	06/09/23	8773 50 030 0151849	24.95	01-3700.340
				TOTAL CHECK	116.54	
Pre-Paid 330338	CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIO	05/18/23	05/18/23	Phone Charges	443.07	02-5100.340
					795.19	01-3700.340
					98.19	41-5900.340
					245.48	01-7100.340
					302.68	42-5400.340
					245.48	01-7900.340
					237.38	41-5980.340
					589.16	03-4500.340
					542.29	01-4100.340
				TOTAL CHECK	3,498.92	
330361	CRAE PRINTING & MAILING	05/30/23	CA053023BF	Seal Envelopes	185.00	03-4500.200

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330362	CUMMINS SALES AND SERVICE	06/02/23	V9-97740	Chapel Rd Generator	386.01	41-5940.680
330363	DAVIS, WAYNE D.	06/20/23	06/20/23	Reimburse Dinner 25yrs	128.66	01-3000.159
330364	DOUCETTE, PAUL J. JR	06/13/23	06/13/23	Taining in NH	1.00	01-4130.741
					151.78	01-4130.742
					390.60	01-4130.743
				TOTAL CHECK	543.38	
330365	EIGHT OH TWO MARKETING	05/31/23	INV-121418	May Digital Marketing	425.00	01-9537.850
330366	ENDYNE, INC.	06/15/23	450172	WW Analysis	321.00	42-5480.560
		06/14/23	449995	Colilert	140.00	41-5980.560
		06/07/23	449255	Colilert	160.00	41-5980.560
				TOTAL CHECK	621.00	
330367	F.W. WEBB COMPANY	06/08/23	81024311	Parts for Vac Trk	216.42	02-5330.220
		06/07/23	81094157	Parts for Trk#204	17.12	02-5330.220
		06/07/23	81100442	Supplies	41.22	41-5940.210
		06/08/23	81121086	Supplies	16.79	41-5940.210
		06/07/23	81095377	Plumbing Supplies	16.96	01-7160.220
		06/07/23	81096566	Plumbing Supplies	7.32	01-7160.220
				TOTAL CHECK	315.83	
330368	FARRAR, INC.	06/13/23	12260	Motor for De-Chlor	990.00	42-5480.680
330369	FERGUSON WATERWORKS #576	05/23/23	1161593	10 Bell JT Leak Clmp	406.10	41-5940.210
330370	FORT MILLER COMPANY INC	06/12/23	157798	Manhole Concrete Risers	2,400.01	42-5440.210
330371	GLOBAL PUBLIC SAFETY, LLC	06/02/23	PS-INV109373	VehPrintersBracketsInstal	3,450.00	01-4100.850
					600.00	01-4100.850
					1,800.00	01-4100.850
		06/14/23	PS-INV109525	Install Lightbar/F-150	350.00	01-4180.830
				TOTAL CHECK	6,200.00	
330372	GOLDSTONE ARCHITECTURE	06/14/23	3009	Benn Hi Redevelopment	4,387.50	01-7800.560
330373	GRAINGER	06/02/23	9727581028	Summer Gloves	300.00	41-5900.190
		06/09/23	9734838965	Rubber Coupling Insert	75.12	42-5480.220
				TOTAL CHECK	375.12	
330374	GREATER HEIGHTS TREE & LA	05/31/23	18755	Insecticide-Startk St	336.00	01-7160.680
330375	GREEN MOUNTAIN LINES, LLC	06/29/23	C-2323	To Mac-Haydn 42nd St	900.00	01-7900.560
330376	H L FUEL CO., INC.	06/08/23	1701907	273836 - Headworks Gen	71.82	42-5480.770
		06/09/23	1707906	273825 - TO	324.38	01-3710.770
				TOTAL CHECK	396.20	
330377	H L PROPANE CO. INC.	06/09/23	1701947	4713 - Primary Digestor	883.61	42-5480.770

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				TOTAL CHECK	946.25	
330378	HACH COMPANY	06/08/23	13612502	Sodium Thiosulfate	31.95	41-5980.210
330379	HANNAFORD	06/07/23	1854	Operating Supplies	46.41	01-7900.210
330380	HOLLAND COMPANY INC.	06/07/23	21595	Sodium Bisulfite	2,381.24	42-5480.210
330381	HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICE	06/08/23	3103102	Twin Tube	19.88	01-3710.220
		06/06/23	5021251	Supplies	9.68	42-5480.210
		06/09/23	2103190	Glass/Tile Scraper Kit	9.98	42-5480.210
		06/06/23	5012044	Supplies	9.21	41-5940.210
		06/08/23	3012256	Supplies	23.98	41-5940.210
		06/05/23	6623177	Utility Trailer Supplies	79.98	02-5200.220
		06/12/23	9513756	Cordless Handhelp NXT	255.75	01-7160.220
		06/12/23	9012819	Dehidifier	308.55	41-5980.230
		06/13/23	8021847	Supplies	31.76	41-5940.210
		06/14/23	7013023	Supplies	23.77	41-5940.210
		06/13/23	8012891	Supplies	28.44	41-5940.210
		06/14/23	7140463	Brown Mulch	66.60	01-7160.220
		06/14/23	7140439	Weedlock, Prennial	102.82	01-7160.220
		06/15/23	6013191	Dehumidifier-Morgan	359.51	41-5910.230
		06/20/23	1013777	Supplies	25.37	41-5940.210
				TOTAL CHECK	1,355.28	
330383	HP FAIRFIELD, LLC	06/02/23	8536193	Asphalt Tarp & Parts	580.98	02-5330.220
330384	INKSPOT PRESS	06/05/23	15194	WQR Postcards	497.00	41-5900.560
330385	JONAH L. SPIVAK	06/09/23	2810	Lap Top Case	37.09	01-3650.200
330386	JPMORGAN CHASE	06/03/23	86039-1	Inspection Stickers	9.04	03-4580.680
					2.26	01-4180.680
		06/03/23	86039-2	Vehicle Stickers	2.26	02-5330.680
					2.26	41-5920.680
				TOTAL CHECK	15.82	
330387	KOFILE, INC.	06/09/23	KT-011401	Recording Paper	288.20	01-3500.200
330388	KYLE WATSON	06/14/23	06/14/23	CDL Tanker Endorsement	29.00	42-5400.720
330389	L & G FABRICATORS, INC.	06/13/23	29092	Drill/Tap Hydrant Dog Prk	60.00	01-1576.000
		06/13/23	29091	Plow Piece	180.00	02-5330.220
		06/08/23	29081	Plate w/hole	30.00	02-5170.560
				TOTAL CHECK	270.00	
330390	LAFASO ELECTRIC, INC.	06/01/23	2605	ADA Push Button	1,894.26	02-5130.560
330391	LAWSON PRODUCTS INC	06/12/23	9310686736	Coupling Megacrimp	72.98	02-5330.210

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				TOTAL CHECK	495.38	
330392	LEONARD NICOLAS CAVE	06/21/23	06/21/23	Cell Stipend, Mileage	15.72	01-3300.741
					180.00	01-3300.340
					13.36	01-3300.741
				TOTAL CHECK	209.08	
330393	LIVELY, NANCY	06/05/23	06/05/23	SB Meeting Mintutes	75.00	01-3700.560
		06/12/23	06/12/23	SB Meeting Minutes	337.50	01-3700.560
				TOTAL CHECK	412.50	
330394	M&T BANK	06/10/23	06/10/23	Marketing & Subscriptions	42.39	01-3650.400
					15.99	01-3650.630
					2,033.52	01-9537.850
		06/10/23	06/10/23-1	Training	250.72	01-4130.743
					3,180.00	01-4130.410
					1,000.00	01-4130.410
		06/10/23	06/10/23-2	Emp Rec Lunch&Food Safety	189.79	02-5100.742
					354.24	01-3000.159
					255.22	01-3000.159
					90.62	01-3000.159
		06/10/23	06/10/23-3	Uniforms,Supplies, Regist	47.00	41-5900.720
					553.85	02-5330.220
					47.00	02-5100.720
					1,251.84	01-4100.190
					-127.19	01-3650.560
					28.62	01-4180.210
					463.95	01-4100.190
					64.46	01-9534.850
		06/10/23	06/10/23-4	B.Cards,USPS,Dam Registra	200.00	41-5900.720
					78.95	01-4100.360
					235.28	01-4100.300
		06/10/23	06/10/23-5	Victim Advocate Grant	705.86	01-4100.850
				TOTAL CHECK	10,962.11	
330395	MONKS, DAN	06/16/23	06/16/23	Cell Phone Reimburse	480.00	01-3620.340
330396	MONUMENT ELECTRIC COMPANY	05/31/23	12282	Temp Pole Repair	150.00	01-7130.820
		05/31/23	12281	4 New Light Pole Fixtures	3,000.00	01-7130.820
				TOTAL CHECK	3,150.00	
330397	MSK ATTORNEYS	05/31/23	50606	Benn Hi Redevelopment	73.00	01-7800.560
330398	MSK ENGINEERING & DESIGN,	06/12/23	15933	Burgess Rd PRV	165.00	41-0870.000
		06/12/23	15931	Leadline Replacement	36,736.25	41-5910.890
		06/12/23	15929	Leadline Replacement	74,788.68	41-5910.890
		06/12/23	15932	Stormwater 2023	1,047.50	03-4570.560
				TOTAL CHECK	112,737.43	
330399	NORTHEAST MUNICIPAL LLC	06/14/23	8302	Degreaser	149.18	02-5330.210

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Check Number	Vendor Company	Invoice Date	Invoice Number	Invoice Description	Amount Paid	Account Number
		06/16/23	8312	Summer Gloves	480.50	41-5900.190
		06/16/23	8313	Crowbars	153.00	02-5110.220
				TOTAL CHECK	782.68	
330400	NORTHERN LAKE SERVICE, IN	06/02/23	2307785	UCMR#5 Sample/Testing	820.00	41-5980.560
		06/02/23	2307800	UCMR#5 Sample/Testing	145.00	41-5980.560
				TOTAL CHECK	965.00	
330401	O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE, INC.	05/31/23	5684-118080	Fuel Filter	46.32	02-5330.220
		06/12/23	5684-120514	Spreader	3.37	41-5920.220
		06/14/23	5684-120986	Paint Thinner	39.71	02-5330.220
				TOTAL CHECK	89.40	
330402	PECKHAM INDUSTRIES, INC.	06/17/23	1041378	Manhole Patching	673.68	42-5440.560
330403	PELTON TOOLS	06/05/23	60523118181	Axle Socket	65.25	02-5330.230
330404	PHILLIP H. HOLLAND	06/14/23	264	Writing&PhotosVBH Jan-Jun	425.00	01-9537.850
330405	PORTA-BRACE, INC.	06/13/23	61062	(2) First Aid Bags	223.50	01-4100.670
		06/13/23	61061	(6) First Aid Bags	850.50	01-4100.670
				TOTAL CHECK	1,074.00	
330406	PRUE ELECTRIC	06/11/23	1531	Install Drop Lights-Lift	319.00	02-5170.560
		06/11/23	1530	Chlorine Pump Work	436.00	42-5480.680
		06/18/23	1532	LED Light Bulbs	870.00	02-5170.680
				TOTAL CHECK	1,625.00	
330407	RCS CONSULTING, INC.	05/20/23	20947	Router Config Back up	312.50	01-3410.560
330408	RHOMAR INDUSTRIES INC	06/09/23	104124	Spray Gun	88.04	02-5330.210
330409	RICHARDSON COLLISION	01/24/23	609001/2	Reimburse for Coggins Inv	3,923.45	01-4180.680
		06/14/23	87A19AFE	Body Work Collision	1,584.27	01-4180.680
				TOTAL CHECK	5,507.72	
330410	RICHCO PRODUCTS, INC.	06/07/23	166582	Polyliners	279.70	03-4570.210
330411	SAWYER, MARK	06/12/23	06/12/23	Cell Phone Reimburs	600.00	01-3710.340
330412	SCOTTY'S TRUCKING	06/05/23	20144	Wacker to QFS	560.00	41-5920.680
330413	SHERWIN-WILLIAMS COMPANY	06/14/23	1693-1	Paint & Supplies	43.67	01-7160.220
		06/12/23	1784-8	Painter's Tape	6.19	41-5980.220
		06/15/23	1911-7-1	White Road Paint	476.40	02-5130.220
		05/30/23	1384-7	White Paint	714.60	02-5130.220
				TOTAL CHECK	1,240.86	
330414	SIRCHIE ACQUISITION COMPA	06/16/23	596533-IN	Scott Reagent Modified	62.82	01-4110.210
330415	STAPLES BUSINESS CREDIT	06/15/23	737745310801	Office Supplies	400.52	01-4100.200

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330416	SURPASS CHEMICAL COMPANY	06/14/23	377890	Polymer	5,086.00	42-5480.210
330417	SWEET WILLIAM GARDEN DESI	06/15/23	06/15/23	Payment #3	2,851.00	01-8060.440
330418	TRACTOR SUPPLY CREDIT PLA	06/07/23	50918	Laser Batteries	37.98	02-5330.210
		06/07/23	50947	Uniform Pants	29.99	41-5900.190
		06/08/23	51151	Supplies	71.98	41-5940.210
		06/12/23	52013	Plow Jacks	269.96	02-5330.220
		06/13/23	52266	Screws	10.99	02-5200.220
		06/17/23	789820	Uniform Pants	49.99	42-5400.190
				TOTAL CHECK	470.89	
330419	VERMONT AGENCY OF TRANSP	06/12/23	06/12/23	Rt9 Bridge - Millers Toll	77.71	02-9510.850
330420	VERMONT VOLTAGE	06/15/23	06/15/23	MOU Rental Space	3,000.00	01-7100.650
330421	VIKING-CIVES USA	06/16/23	452998	Sweeper Parts	565.73	02-5330.220
330422	VOLTREK, LLC	06/16/23	INV-4053	Charging Station 1 yr Rnw	1,380.00	01-3710.560
330423	WASSICK'S TIRE SERVICE	06/05/23	15209	Computer Alignment#7BCI	239.95	01-4180.680
330424	WEST OIL COMPANY, INC.	06/15/23	214747	Fuel for Loader	588.28	42-5420.211
330425	WOOLMINGTON, CAMPBELL, BE	05/31/23	05/31/23	Professional Services	50.00	01-3620.600
					961.00	01-3620.600
					25.00	01-3620.600
					402.50	01-3700.600
					702.50	01-3620.600
					329.40	01-3620.600
				TOTAL CHECK	2,470.40	
330426	ZOE NIXON	06/15/23	06/15/23	Desk & Bookends	166.40	01-4100.850
				Report Total	293,319.87	

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FOR THE SELECTBOARD

Chair

Vice Chair

To the Treasurer of the Town of Bennington,

We Hereby certify that there is due to the several persons whose names
are listed hereon the sum against each name and that there are good
and sufficient vouchers supporting the payments aggregating \$ ***293,319.87
Let this be your order for the payments of these amounts.

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

2023 LICENSE APPLICATIONS

2023 NEW 1st Class License & Outside Consumption Permit

1. Harvest to Hearth LLC, 604 US Rt 7 South
Owner: Sarah Albright

2023 1st Class Renewal

1. The Angry Egg Two

**The Bennington Select Board hereby approves the above
2023 License Applications
Dated: June 26, 2023**

Jeannie Jenkins, Chair

cc: Town Clerks Office

MEMORANDUM

To: Bennington Select Board
From: Shannon Barsotti, Community Development Director
Date: 6/20/23
Re: Final Public Hearing for 300 Pleasant Street

Shires Housing will be presenting to the public about the renovation of 300 Pleasant Street for the Bennington Family Housing project, which created transitional housing for families who have experienced homelessness. The project was funded in part by a \$500,000 Community Development Block Grant through the Vermont Community Development Program. Shires Housing is the owner and developer of the historic building (known as the Norton House) and the Bennington County Coalition for the Homeless has their office in the space and oversees the social services.



Summary: Historic Norton House VCDP Funding “Close-Out”

About the Historic Norton House Project:

The Historic Norton House project rehabbed and revitalized a 7-apartment building at 300 Pleasant Street, in addition to converting a barn building on the same lot previously used as storage and garage space to 2 apartments and on-site programmatic space. The project was developed by Shires Housing with the purpose of serving as Transitional Family Housing to be master-leased by the Bennington County Coalition for the Homeless.

This project leveraged \$500,000 in VCDP CDBG funding subgranted to Shires Housing by the Town of Bennington for hard construction costs. The overall project budget included funding through various federal and state grants and tax credit equity.

Construction was successfully completed in December 2022, and all apartments were occupied by February 2023.

About the Vermont Community Development Program (VCDP)

VCDP is a program under the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD) which “assists communities on a competitive basis by providing financial and technical assistance to identify and address local needs”, such as economic development, public facilities, and housing, among others. Competitive grants administered under VCDP are available to any Vermont municipality and may be sub-granted through municipalities to relevant community groups, non-profit organizations, or small businesses. Additionally, all funds administered and released under VCDP must primarily benefit Low and Moderate Income (LMI) persons.

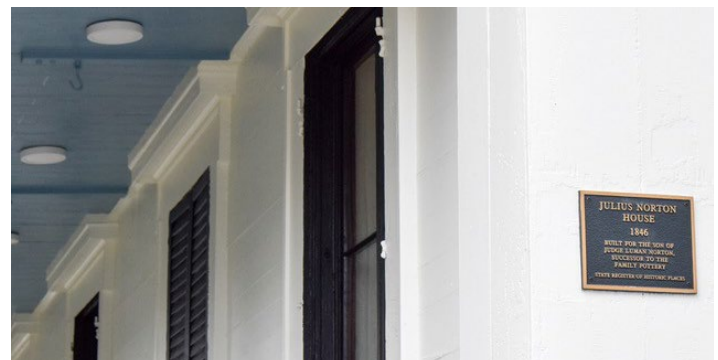
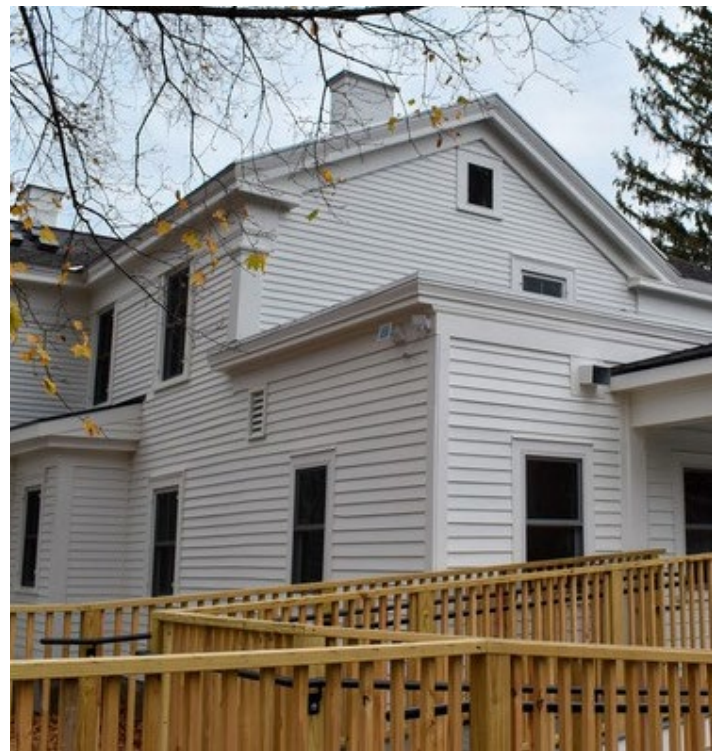
About Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds

The CDBG Program consists of funds directed through the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for state-specific programs –such as VCDP— to administer in contribution towards key national and state objectives. The three national objectives include: (1) benefitting LMI persons, (2) preventing or eliminating slums or blight, and (3) meeting a particularly urgent need. The state objectives identified under VCDP include: (1) conserving, expanding, or improving housing; (2) creating or retaining employment; and (3) improve public facilities in support of housing or economic development or where there is a threat to the public health and safety.

Historic Norton House

9 apartments | Rehab Construction

Shires Housing, in partnership with the Bennington County Coalition for the Homeless, successfully renovated and retrofitted 9 apartments in downtown Bennington, to serve families transitioning from homelessness



A Proposal for Housing the Unhoused Individuals and Families

June 20, 2023

In order to provide temporary housing for those identified as unhoused, It is suggested that:

The working group, a subcommittee, or an agency charged to oversee this program shall establish a Fund to assist in housing. It shall identify the motels that have participated in the program previously and invite the owners to a meeting to negotiate a reasonable daily rental rate. It shall identify the number of units available.

It shall develop a list of those in need and establish criteria that must be met in order to secure this temporary housing.

- Participants must pay 30% of available income to support housing.
- Participants must be screened and on the coordinated entry list of individuals seeking permanent housing.
- Participants must have a shared care plan in place and be in relationship with one or more local social service providers.

Should the participant's 30% of income be insufficient to pay the rent, the Fund shall compensate the owner the remainder due to the agreed upon amount.

The Town will commit up to \$50,000 from its Revolving Loan Program to help create the Fund to support up to 6 families for up to four months.

Stuart A. Hurd

Dan Monks

From: dmain@sunrisepcc.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2023 10:04 AM
To: Shannon Barsotti; Dan Monks
Cc: 'John Rogers'; cthomayer@sunrisepcc.com
Subject: Sunrise as Fiscal Agent

Good morning Shannon and Dan,

This email is to let you know that Sunrise Family Resource Center is prepared to be the Fiscal Agent for the Housing Crisis Sub-committee through Project Alliance with any Town Funding given to this effort. Our fiscal structure is already set up to process state and federal grant monies. Working with homeless families and individuals ourselves on a daily basis, this effort is extremely important to us in helping in order to stabilize those within our community.

The legislature will be looking again at extending temporary housing this week, hopefully allowing many to stay in motels while we continue to find long term solutions. Sunrise's fiscal manager and I just met with John Rogers, lead of the sub committee. He will be reaching out to you with more details. We would like to continue to strengthen our partnership with the Town by addressing the housing crisis together. With the possibility of the state continuing to pay for motel stays, we are proposing placing a hold on the \$50,000 and reaching out to you again in the near future with next steps.

Thank you for your interest in this effort. It really will take a whole village to address this crisis.

Denise

Denise Main (she/her) (why?)
Executive Director
Sunrise Family Resource Center
244 Union Street
Bennington, Vermont
(802)442-0011



"In every person there is a sun. Just let them shine!"
-Socrates-

At SFRC, a diverse, inclusive, and equitable environment is one where all people feel valued and respected whatever their birth, identity, or circumstance. We hope you join us in celebrating the people that collectively make up our community.

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FY2024

WATER & SEWER RATE CALCULATION

RATE PROPOSAL WATER & SEWER

Board approval: xx/xx/xx

WATER				
NUMBER OF UNITS	PROPOSED QUARTERLY RATES		FY23 Rates	DOLLARS GENERATED
	FLAT:	154.78	153.25	1% Increase
	PER 1,000 GALLONS:	5.74	5.68	1% Increase
	METER SURCHARGE	93.04	92.12	1% Increase

2874	N/A	619.12	Per Person Yrly Increase 6.12	1,779,351
1197	187,333,512	5.74 372.16	0.06 3.68	1,075,294 445,476
				\$ 3,300,121
				\$ 3,298,750
				\$ 1,371

SEWER				
NUMBER OF UNITS	PROPOSED QUARTERLY RATES		FY23 Rates	DOLLARS GENERATED
	FLAT:	151.86	144.63	5% Increase
	PER 1,000 GALLONS	5.27	5.02	5% Increase
	METER SURCHARGE	94.37	89.88	5% Increase

2597	N/A	607.45	Per Person Yrly Increase 28.93	1,577,537
1244	199,262,012	5.27 377.50	0.25 17.96	1,050,310 469,605
				\$ 3,097,452
				\$ 3,096,940
				\$ 512

ANNUALIZED FLAT RATE

UNITS X PER 1,000 GALLONS
ANNUAL TOTAL SURCHARGE

TOTAL DOLLARS GENERATED

BUDGETED EXPENDITURES NET OF
OTHER REVENUES

(OVER)/UNDER BUDGET

FLAT:	\$115	THE ANNUAL IMPACT OF INCREASING EACH RATE BY A PENNY WOULD INCREASE REVENUE BY THE AMOUNTS SHOWN FOR ← WATER AND SEWER →	FLAT:	\$104
PER 1,000 GALLONS:	\$1,873		PER 1,000 GALLONS:	\$1,993
METER SURCHARGE	\$12		METER SURCHARGE	\$12



TOWN OF BENNINGTON

MEMORANDUM

To: Select Board

From: Daniel Monks

Re: Amendments to Traffic Control Ordinance

Date: June 20, 2023

The following changes to parking regulations are proposed:

- 1) Pursuant to the authority granted to the Town Manager in the Town of Bennington Traffic Control Ordinance, the Town Manager shall restrict parking on the west side of the Bennington Fire Facility on River Street to volunteer firefighters and Town of Bennington Public Safety Department personnel only.
- 2) The Select Board shall amend the Traffic Control Ordinance to limit parking on Coolidge Avenue where it abuts the Community Recreation Center property to no more than 2 hours in duration and to further restrict parking in such area to persons gardening at the Community Garden only.
- 3) The Select Board shall amend the Traffic Control Ordinance to prohibit parking on the west side of Bradford Street between Gage Street and Coolidge Avenue with the exception of parking for no more than 15 minutes in duration to pick up or drop off produce to or from the produce stand on the Community Recreation Center property.

Appropriate signs will be placed to notify the public of the parking restrictions.

MANAGER'S REPORT

June 26, 2023

ACTION

Highway Equipment Borrowing Now a standard practice, the Board must approve the borrowing for the voter-approved highway equipment purchases. It requires action on the Resolution, the Tax Certificate and the Note. The amount is \$499,664 to purchase two dump trucks (one is for the Highway department, and one is for the Water department), an automotive lift, and a pickup truck.

Action requested A motion to waive the reading of the Resolution, approve it, the Tax Certificate, and the Note. I will circulate for signatures on all three documents.

INFORMATIONAL

County Street This project continues to move forward. We expect to complete the work within 30 days.

Rail/Trail The rail/trail punch list items should be completed by the end of June. Punch list items included a new ramp at River Street and a paving topcoat. Ramps at County Street will be installed by Town crews as part of the County Street project.

FOLLOW UP

The Communication Coordinator's Report is attached.

**TOWN OF BENNINGTON
RESOLUTION
CAPITAL EQUIPMENT BORROWING**

WHEREAS, the Select Board are authorized and empowered to borrow money on the credit of the Town of Bennington for the purposes of making certain capital highway equipment purchases, and

WHEREAS, the Select Board of the Town of Bennington find it expedient and in the best interest of the Town to borrow the sum of \$499,664.00 to 2023 Intl Dump Truck (2), Automotive Lift and a 2022 Ford F-350 XLT.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Select Board, for and in behalf of the said Town of Bennington to borrow the sum of \$499,664.00 from M&T BANK, the said loan to be evidenced by a promissory note in the amount of \$499,664.00 to be signed on behalf of the Town of Bennington by its Select Board and dated June 28, 2023 payable to M&T BANK on the 28th day of June, 2030, with interest at the rate of 5.65% per annum.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said evidence of debt when issued and delivered pursuant to this Resolution shall be a valid and binding general obligation of the Town of Bennington, payable according to the terms and tenor thereof from unlimited ad valorem taxes duly apportioned and assessed on the grand list of taxable property in said Town, as established by law, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all acts and things heretofore done by the lawfully constituted officers of the Town of Bennington and its Select Board in, about or concerning the expenditure of proceeds of the Note are hereby ratified and confirmed, and

WE, the said Select Board of the Town of Bennington hereby certify that the Note is issued pursuant to authority, that no proceeding relating thereto has been taken other than as shown in the foregoing recital, that no such authority or action has been amended or repealed, and that there is no litigation threatened or pending in any state or federal court of competent jurisdiction seeking to enjoin either the issuance of the Note or the expenditures being financed by the proceeds of the same.

WE further certify that no litigation is pending or threatened affecting the validity of the Note or the apportionment and assessment of taxes, if necessary to pay the same when due, that neither the corporate existence nor the boundaries of the Town of Bennington, nor the title of any of us to our respective offices, is being questioned or contested.

FURTHER, we hereby certify to and covenant with M&T BANK, its successors and assigns, including specifically the transferees, assignees, holders and owners of the above-described note, that:

(1) No proceeds of the Note (including investment proceeds thereof) will be used (directly or indirectly) in any trade or business carried on by any person other than the Town of Bennington, nor used to make or finance loans to any person.

(2) The Town of Bennington will file when and as required with the Treasury Department or the Internal Revenue Service information returns relating to the issuance of the Note and all other obligations of the Town of Bennington.

(3) The Town of Bennington will comply with, perform, maintain and keep each and every covenant, representation, certification and undertaking in the accompanying Tax Certificate, execution and delivery of which is hereby authorized.

(4) That the Town of Bennington reasonably expects to issue less than \$5,000,000 of tax-exempt obligations during the current calendar year, thereby qualifying the Town as a "small issuer" under Section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code").

(5) The interest charged to and payable by the Town of Bennington under the Note shall be recalculated at the rate of 8.50% and paid to the holder thereof in any one of the following events:

(a) It shall be determined that the interest paid under said note, or any part thereof, is included in the gross income of the holder, thereof for federal income tax purposes.

(b) There shall be any breach by the Town of Bennington of any covenant set forth in paragraphs (1)-(4) hereof.

WE further certify that all the transactions embodied in this Resolution were approved, adopted and undertaken in full compliance with all applicable open meeting, access to public records, public bid and public solicitation and procurement laws, regulations and policies.

WE further certify that we are the duly chosen, qualified and acting officers of the Town of Bennington as indicated below, and we acknowledge that the foregoing action was taken at a meeting duly noticed, called and held on June 26, 2023, whereat we were present and voting affirmatively.

Dated: June 26, 2023

SELECT BOARD

Treasurer

By All or a Majority Thereof

The foregoing signatures are true and genuine. Attest:

Clerk



Town of Bennington

Communications Coordinator Report – June 26, 2023

Expect the Unexpected

I regret that an unexpected death in my family caused me to miss a week of work. A reminder how precious life is and to enjoy every day to its fullest.

Public Outreach

I worked with the team led by Jonathan Phipps to help promote the Juneteenth event held by SVMC on Saturday June 17th. I'm also working with the CPARB to help plan for the upcoming listening session that is happening on June 29. I'm also working on helping the group proposing a skate park put together a presentation that will be shown at the Select Board meeting.

250th Planning

I represented Bennington's 250th effort along with two other volunteers at the Hoosick History and Heritage event on May 20. About 650 folks attended and we had a lot of interest in what Bennington will be doing in just a few years for the upcoming anniversaries. I'm also organizing a regional collaboration event with NY, MA, CT, RI, and our VT team at Fort Ticonderoga to work on plans for the first anniversary year in 2025 when we will focus on Bennington's own Ethan Allen and the Green Mountain Boys and the capture of Fort Ticonderoga and Crown Point. At the state level, I've proposed a resolution for all Vermont towns to adopt supporting the 250th. Some recent good news... there might be small planning grants available for Towns and their 250th efforts!

Community Events

We had our followup gravestone restoration at the Village Cemetery on Memorial Day Weekend. About two dozen volunteers came out and

restored and cleaned dozens of gravestones. The VFW and the VFW auxiliary were again a terrific help and provided food for the volunteers.

Organizational Outreach

I met with my counterpart at SVSU and I've been active on the local Bennington Housing Solutions committee. I've also been helping the BPD with plans for their upcoming New Experience Camp, as well as helping the BFD with planning for the Battle Day Weekend plans for this year.

Motel Voucher Program

I've been helping with ideas for addressing the end of the Motel Voucher Program with the BCCH and other volunteers. We hope to develop a proposal that can be part of what the Project Alliance sub committee on the housing crisis is doing.

By The Numbers

This past month I interacted with twelve citizens and I had one public records request come through my office.

FACEBOOK POST OF THE MONTH:

