

M E E T I N G N O T I C E
BENNINGTON SELECT BOARD
Monday, July 24, 2023
Bennington Fire Facility
Multi-Purpose Room - 3rd Floor
130 River Street
Bennington, Vermont 05201
A G E N D A

6:00 PM

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| 1. Pledge of Allegiance | |
| 2. Vision Statement | |
| 3. Consent Agenda | 6:00 PM - 6:05 PM |
| A. Minutes of July 10, 2023 | |
| B. Warrants | |
| 4. Public Comment | 6:05 PM - 6:20 PM |
| 5. Purple Heart Day Recognition | 6:20 PM - 6:25 PM |
| 6. Housing Update | 6:25 PM - 6:50 PM |
| 7. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
at Bennington Elementary | 6:50 PM - 7:10 PM |
| 8. Ratification of Bennington
Emergency Management Plan | 7:10 PM - 7:20 PM |
| 9. Tax Rates for FY 24 | 7:20 PM - 7:30 PM |
| 10. Manager's Report | 7:30 PM - 7:40 PM |
| 11. Upcoming Agendas | 7:40 PM - 7:45 PM |
| 12. Other Business | 7:45 PM - 7:55 PM |

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1 **BENNINGTON SELECT BOARD MEETING**

2 **130 RIVER STREET**

3 **BENNINGTON, VERMONT 05201**

4 **JULY 10, 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; Jonah Spivak-Communications
10 Coordinator; Jenny Dewar and Jeanne Mintrone-BBC; Margae Diamond-Turning Point; Linda
11 Donigan and Johnna Frederickson-Bennington Free Library; Sam Restino; Nancy White; Jack
12 Rossiter-Munley; Joey Kulkin; Asher Edelson; Kelly Carroll; 20 citizens; Josh Boucher-CAT-TV;
13 and Nancy H. Lively-Secretary.

14 At 6:00pm, Chair Jeannie Jenkins called the meeting to order.

15 **1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

16 The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

17 **2. VISION STATEMENT**

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

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

22 **3. CONSENT AGENDA**

23 **A. MINUTES OF JUNE 26, 2023**

24 **B. WARRANTS**

25 *Tom Haley moved and Jeanne Conner seconded to approve the Consent Agenda*
26 *amended as follows:*

27 *Minutes of June 26, 2023, Line 127, Change "Would the park be open to*
28 *competitions?" to "Is this current proposal a design that will be up to competition*
29 *specifications?"*

Mr. Corey asked about the invoice date of June on Warrant Report #2 and Mr. Monks answered that a June invoice date is for something that occurred in June and goes against the FY23 budget.

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. Mentioned that the skate board design was presented, then People's Park was closed, and when reopened there was a substantial drug bust. 2. The Roaring Branch flood wall has a few cracks in it. 3. The CTC building on Benmont Avenue should be a Board agenda item. 4. The piano compass has been painted but the crosswalks have not been. 5. No one seems to know how to become a part of the Neighborhood Watch. 6. The doors are still not on the Baptist Church on Convent Avenue. 7. People from Pennsylvania came to Bennington on 'Fantastic Friday', liked what they saw, and would encourage others to come to Bennington.

Jack Rossiter-Munley: 1. An employee of ECDC, noted that last week the first refugees came directly to Bennington. Even though refugees have been coming to Bennington County since 2021, the Town of Bennington was designated as an official resettlement site in October 2022. ECDC is looking for all kinds of donations including the Bennington Mattress Squad. If interested, contact jrossitermunley@ecdcus.org. 2. The Community Café is open every Saturday from 1:30pm-3:00pm at 121 Depot Street and over the last few weeks we have served

over 60 meals and have also had music. If interested in helping out, contact benningtoncommunitycafe@gmail.com.

Joey Kulkin-Downtown Bennington Alliance (DBA) Director: 1. Thanked the BBC for the success of the Student Art Flag Project. 2. Kudos to the Board for the transparency of altering the Loan Program and including the Warrants in the packets. 3. Is requesting an agenda item to bring back the Downtown Improvement Commission that was made up of the Downtown merchants that made recommendations on how the Downtown Improvement District tax money was spent, and the DBA would like to be allocated some of those dollars for the work that they do - as well as others. 3. The DBA does raffles, currently for various items including handmade pencils. Sign up for the raffles can be done on the DBA Facebook page.

Nancy White: 1. Requested that the \$500,000 worth of work that needed to be done at the Rec Center from a report issued in January 2022 be put on the agenda so the Bennington taxpayers are aware since they are the only ones that pay for the Rec Center. 2. How much money do we have in the Pennies for Park Fund? This was to be used for the new park at Willow Park but ARPA money has paid for that. 3. The Rec Center schedule through June 2024 shows the pool closed on Sundays. It used to be closed on Sundays in the summer but this shows it's closed throughout the year and Sundays are the only time that many families have to use it. 4. UCS is running a program where anyone can use the showers at the Rec Center. This should have been approved by the Board and UCS could run this program in one of the many buildings they own in the Town. The public needs to be aware of the activities at the Rec Center with safety in mind.

5. BBC WORK PLAN AND BUDGET

Jenny Dewar, BBC Director of Events, and Jeanne Mintrone, BBC Director of Operations, did the following presentation:

- In April 2023, the Executive Director and Assistant positions were split into two autonomous and overlapping co-director positions.
- Bennington is one of the 24 Designated Downtowns in the State, each of which is mandated to have an organization to carry out that vision. The BBC serves as that organization for Bennington.
- Designated Downtowns (DD) is a grassroots national program with 40 programs and over 2,000 neighborhoods nationwide.
- As a DD, we are eligible for downtown and village center tax credits, downtown transportation fund, priority consideration for State grants, building, and general services, traffic calming and signage options, BGS, special assessment districts, ACT 250, and rural development area eligibility.
- The 4 required committees are:
 - ✓ Economic Vitality - strengthens the community's existing economic assets while expanding it's diversified economic base.

- 101 ✓ Design - works to get the Downtown into top physical shape and capitalizes on
102 its assets.
- 103 ✓ Organization - everyone working toward the same goal.
- 104 ✓ Promotion - works to create an inviting atmosphere.
- 105 • DISTRX.com is helpful in notifying the public on events like mapping out the street
106 banners event that we just had and creating tours.
- 107 • Post pandemic events, such as Thursday Nite Live, Harvestfest, PopUp Markets, Town
108 Wide Tag Sale, Cruise-Ins, and Mayfest, have been “hugely successful”.
- 109 • Fundraising with sponsorships is a campaign that is done every year and we will begin
110 creating levels of membership.
- 111 • The Visitor Center staffed with our docents is very popular as people come into Town.
- 112 • We are promoting the idea of “Our Town” and not just the “Downtown”.
- 113 • The FY24 Projected Budget has an Income and Expense total, respectively, of \$203,993 -
114 an increase of \$37,794 over the FY23 Projected Budget.
- 115 • The Downtown Improvement District Funding request in FY24 is \$94,493 - an increase of
116 \$4,109 over FY23 due to the increase of what we need to pay to the police - which we
117 gladly pay - as well as, the increase of absolutely everything.

118 *Board comments/questions answered by Ms. Dewar and Ms. Mintrone:*

119 Mr. Woods: Why is Contract Employee under Income? *The Town pays Bill Clark’s actual salary*
120 *and the BBC pays his workers comp, liability insurance, and everything else that goes with that.*

121 Mr. Corey: Why, in FY23 there was a Projected Income of \$4,589 for Membership Dues but
122 actual was only \$300? *As the only Director I didn’t have the time to pursue the dues and the*
123 *Board had agreed that we would stop collecting membership from those that were in the DID as*
124 *that was double-dipping.*

125 Ms. Jenkins: The FY24 Membership Dues of \$1,000 is a modest amount so if those in the DID
126 aren’t paying dues, who is? *We plan on beginning a Social Membership because people like to*
127 *support what they belong to.*

128 Ms. Conner: Is becoming a DD a one-time thing or are there requirements each year, or every 5
129 years, etc.? *We have to do an extensive annual reporting to the State.*

130 Ms. Conner: What is the time commitment to become a docent? *Right now they come in for a 3*
131 *hour shift, either 10:00am-1:00pm or 1:00pm-4:00pm Monday-Friday. However, we would like*
132 *to have them present on Saturday and making the week Tuesday-Saturday instead of Monday-*
133 *Friday.*

134 Ms. Perrin: The events are really for everyone and it doesn’t seem the time to increase the DID
135 tax but possibly decreasing it a bit. *It is only a \$4,000 increase.*

136 Ms. Jenkins: With the new Our Town promotion, noted that there was a proposal last year to
137 make it a town wide tax which is not how this budget is presented. *That discussion ended when*
138 *Ms. Dewar had just started and she was opposed to doing that at the time.*

139 Ms. Jenkins: You have said that the \$20,000 from the Governor's Budget - if it goes through -
140 would be for staff salaries. *Yes, Ms. Dewar took a \$20,000 pay cut to hire/create a co-director.*
141 *The hope is that the \$20,000 will go through and most of it will be given to each co-director as*
142 *around a \$10,000 raise. This is why there wasn't a higher increase in the DID fees.*

143 Mr. Corey: How much would the DID tax go up with the ~\$4,000 increase? *Mr. Monks: The tax*
144 *is currently \$256.70/\$100,000 and would go up to \$268.40/\$100,000 - a 4.5% increase. This is*
145 *only for commercial property, nothing residential.*

146 *Public comments/questions answered by Ms. Dewar and Ms. Mintrone:*

147 Sam Restino: 1. Verified that the BBC is a 501c3 and are able to fundraise and take donations.
148 *Yes, we're a 501c3 and take donations all the time.* 2. Suggested that they offer a chicken
149 barbeque on the Cruise In nights.

150 Joey Kulkin: Noted that the DBA brought DISTRX.com to Bennington, and "by a set of
151 circumstances", it came to the BBC. *The BBC received an e-mail from DISTRX.com asking what*
152 *the relationship is between the DBA and the BBC. We answered that we don't really have a*
153 *relationship and that the BBC is the designated organization. The DISTRX.com folks decided*
154 *that it was the BBC's app.*

155 Nancy White: 1. Verified that the tax being discussed is the DID tax paid by the DID. *Yes.* 2. Are
156 the overall Bennington taxpayers still paying for the façade on the Downtown buildings? *Mr.*
157 *Monks: That was a program many years ago that is no longer a program.* 3. Is there a plan to
158 ensure that people aren't leaving their vehicles parked all day in front of a business and then
159 going to do something else? *It's not in our budget.* 4. To be fair, the BBC should pay rent to the
160 Town for the building that they are in. 5. Parking will be an issue in the Downtown. *This is*
161 *unrelated to our budget.*

162 Jack Rossiter-Munley: Your budget reflects a large increase in the cost of police presence at
163 events. What were the conversations that you have had with the Police, the Town, and CPARB
164 about this? *Town policy is that there must be police presence at an event with over 75 people*
165 *and we're no different than any other organization. The police decide how many officers are*
166 *needed and there is a 3 hour minimum. Last year it was \$45/hour/officer and now it's*
167 *\$68/hour/officer. Why the rate increased so much was a police union decision. The police work*
168 *with us and the BBC will gladly pay for their presence in the name of safety.*

169 ***Jim Carroll moved and Gary Corey seconded to approve the Better Bennington***
170 ***Corporation FY24 Budget as presented. The motion carried with Sarah Perrin opposed.***

171 **6. HOUSING UPDATE**

172 Margae Diamond, Turning Point Executive Director, did the following update:

- 173 ○ The Homeless Crisis Subcommittee is a project within the Project Alliance.
- 174 ○ It is comprised of 26 different agencies.
- 175 ○ Because of the legislative decision, we have revamped our plan to:
 - 176 ■ Local agency street and mobile outreach program - well under way with
 - 177 Turning Point and UCS.
 - 178 ■ Hotel conversion project.
 - 179 ■ Thatcher House transitional housing solution.
 - 180 ■ Community services flier.
 - 181 ■ Phone support program.
 - 182 ■ Consolidated resource list - an easy to read go-to map for people.
 - 183 ■ Fundraising for donated supplies.
 - 184 ■ Recreation Center shower cards - went live on 7/3/23. Private fundraising
 - 185 is being done and all that needs to be done for use is go to the Rec Center
 - 186 and ask.
- 187 ○ BCCH has gotten grant funding for a full time community outreach coordinator
- 188 to work with the homeless. The position will be filled by the end of July 2023.
- 189 ○ BCCH has also received a \$5,000 grant to purchase easy to prepare foods.
- 190 ○ Our goal now is to ensure that every person has received the letter and
- 191 instructions from the State on what needs to be done to remain on the motel
- 192 voucher program until April 2024, albeit help with limited literacy and/or
- 193 medical/health needs. It isn't automatic.
- 194 ○ Turning Point and UCS have applied for grant funding that we expect to receive.
- 195 ○ Xylazine, a horse tranquilizer not for human consumption, is being mixed with
- 196 other street drugs and was in 75% of what was just tested in Brattleboro. It
- 197 cannot be reversed with Narcan because it isn't an opioid.
- 198 ○ The effects on humans is sores that won't heal and limb amputation.
- 199 ○ BCCH is having their annual meeting on 7/25/23 via Zoom. If you would like an
- 200 invite, e-mail the Director at director@bcch.org.
- 201 ○ Our ultimate goal is for the homeless to obtain permanent housing and we thank
- 202 the Town for its support.

203 *Public comments/questions answered by Ms. Diamond:*

204 Nancy White: Explain how the Alliance got the permission to do this without coming before the
205 Select Board? *Ms. Jenkins: The YMCA manages the Rec Center so it was their decision.*

206 Jenny Dewar: The BBC is extending full membership to Turning Point.

207 Mary Ellen Munley: Thanked the Alliance and all of its members for their work and noted that
208 the Community Café and Bennington Cares will help in any way they can.

209 Asher Edelson: How long will the shower program last? *A little over \$1,000 has been provided*
210 *for showers, and when that runs out, we would have funding from another source. Showers are*
211 *\$3/shower and we don't know at this time how long it will last.*

212 **7. BENNINGTON FREE LIBRARY READING PROGRAM AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW**
213 **CHILDREN'S LIBRARY**

214 Linda Donigan and Johnna Frederickson from the Bennington Free Library did the
215 following presentation:

- 216 ➤ Library programs are developing the inner and outer person from infancy to adults of all
217 ages.
- 218 ➤ We have summer programs for children, online resources, and Library sponsored events
219 out in the community at various locations, such as the Middle School, the Museum, and
220 the Head Start Celebration.
- 221 ➤ Our "Altogether Now" children programs are teaching kindness, togetherness, and
222 friendship with those from all over the world, as well as, art, music, yoga, chess,
223 cooking, and nature to children of all ages including teenagers.
- 224 ➤ The Library is a place where you can go for research or just for fun.

225 *Board comments/questions answered by Ms. Donigan and Ms. Frederickson:*

226 Mr. Haley: Thanked Ms. Donigan and Frederickson for the work they are doing with maintaining
227 children's focus on the greater world picture.

228 Ms. Conner: Do the adults that bring the children to the Library become engaged, themselves,
229 at the Library? *Yes, including a space where they can interact with their children, as well as,*
230 *steering them to the adult only areas of interest.*

231 **8. BENNINGTON HOUSING AUTHORITY - MODIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT**

232 Ms. Jenkins stated that the Board had appointed two individuals to the Housing
233 Authority - one to the open seat (Nancy Balconis) and one to the tenant seat (Scott Fox). The
234 information provided to the Board that the tenant seat was vacant was not accurate and we
235 need to rescind the appointment of Scott Fox to the tenant seat.

236 ***Ed Woods moved and Tom Haley seconded to rescind, with regret, the appointment of***
237 ***Scott Fox to the Tenant Seat of the Housing Authority and suggest that he reapply in the***
238 ***future. The motion carried with Sarah Perrin abstaining.***

239 **9. IMPLEMENTING THE TOWN VISION**

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

- CPARB had its first Community Listening Session on 6/29/23 from 6:00pm-8:00pm at the Fire Facility. 25 were in attendance, 10 people spoke, and we received 3 written comments.
 - o Topics covered were mental health trauma in our community.
 - o Continue to work with and reach out to all agencies.
 - o Support for the Bennington Police Department (BPD) with the understanding that they are understaffed.
 - o Lack of diversity on CPARB.
 - o BPD and CPARB should support continuous improvement.
 - o The closing of People's Park.
 - o What is the Town doing for housing for the Homeless?
 - o The lack of public restrooms downtown.
 - o The portrayal of defendants in handcuffs by the media.
 - o Criminalizing domestic abuse and children's difficulties in school by having police respond to the homes and schools.
 - o Look at problems as problems and not crimes.
 - o Develop collaborative partnerships to build trust.
 - o We should encourage empathy and understanding over fear.
 - o We should be encouraging the development of front line officers through the development of an engaging organizational process that will aid and encourage the development.
 - o Importance of community involvement and to reach out to the community if we need help.
 - o We were encouraged to reach out to the BIPOC community, different demographics, different organizations and agencies such as NAMI.
 - o Appreciation for the New Experience Camp this week.
 - o Concern for the increased crime and the blowback that CPARB may unintentionally cause.
- Some of these comments are unrelated to the reason that CPARB was formed which was to foster collaborative efforts within the community to hear all the voices. This is why we had the listening session and have guest speakers at our monthly meetings.
- Plans for our next steps will take place at our meeting on 7/20/23 at 6:00pm at the Fire Facility with a speaker from the Center for Restorative Justice.

Mr. Woods commented that it was a great listening session and encouraged CPARB to have more of those more often. The more they occur, the more people will realize that it is a realistic outlet and their input feedback will go somewhere, if appropriate.

10. MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Monks did the following report:

279 New Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility at the Transfer Station - The HHW Facility is
280 expected to open the end of this month - possible August - and be available to residents of the
281 13 towns on Mondays by appointment for a \$5.00 fee per vehicle. This will be on a weekly
282 basis from April to October of a given year.

283 Ms. Conner asked if the HHW Facility could be opened on a Saturday instead of Monday
284 since it would be difficult for many people to go on a Monday, and Mr. Monks recommended
285 contacting the BCRC for information on making this change. Ms. Conner will do that.

286 People's Park - Most of the people just want to hang out and enjoy the day but there are a
287 group that consistently cause trouble. The first day the Park reopened, a fairly substantial drug
288 bust was effected. Numerous citations for alcohol consumption were issued and one individual
289 was issued a No Trespass Order after defecating in the woods and consuming alcohol.

290 ADA Door Installation - The ADA Door is on its way and we are coordinating an installation.

291 Flood Wall - The flood wall is inspected every year.

292 Mr. Haley asked for an update on any storm damage in Town, and Mr. Monks stated
293 that we "dodged a bullet" as there was no storm damage in Bennington.

294 **11. UPCOMING AGENDA**

295 July 24, 2023 - Bennington Elementary - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

296 July 24, 2023 - Purple Heart Proclamation

297 An Upcoming Meeting - Vermont Begins Here Report

298 An Upcoming Meeting - Bennington Police Department Report

299 **13. OTHER BUSINESS**

300 None.

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303 ***At 8:29pm, Ed Woods moved and Gary Corey seconded the adjournment of the***
304 ***meeting. The motion carried unanimously.***

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306 Respectfully submitted,

307 Nancy H. Lively

308 Secretary

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11:56 am

Check Warrant Report # 3

By Vendor For Check Acct 01 Checks 330517 To 330625

Check Number	Vendor Company	Invoice Date	Invoice Number	Invoice Description	Amount Paid	Account Number
330522	*BENNINGTON PICKLEBALL CL	07/17/23	07/17/23	Pavilion Refund	100.00	01-2700.000
Pre-Paid						
330521	*STEPHEN MORSE	07/18/23	07/18/23	Return of Bond	10,626.00	01-9506.850
330523	802 RESTROOMS	07/17/23	11435	Porta-potty County St	180.00	02-5200.560
330524	ADAMS LOCK & SECURITY D	07/12/23	60156	Deadbolt, Master Lock	148.30	01-7160.220
330525	ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	02/06/23	2611	Tool Use	132.99	02-5330.220
		06/30/23	06/30/23	Parts for Fleet Manager	794.00	02-5330.220
		07/06/23	9496	Light Bulb	10.04	02-5330.220
				TOTAL CHECK	937.03	
330526	AIRGAS USA, LLC	06/14/23	9139377722	Disposable Gloves	261.80	41-5900.190
330527	ALL-OUT WASTE MANAGEMENT	07/07/23	17191	Porta-Potty Beech St	135.00	01-7160.560
		07/07/23	17192	Porta-Potty SVC	135.00	01-7160.560
		07/07/23	17193	Porta-Potty Stark St	135.00	01-7160.560
				TOTAL CHECK	405.00	
330528	ALLEN ENGRNG & CHEMICAL C	07/06/23	500191-01	Chlorine, Liquid Bulk	605.00	01-7150.210
330529	ALLIED AUTO PARTS OF BENN	06/12/23	585737	Coupler	10.98	02-5330.220
		06/20/23	585946	Fuseholder card	4.98	01-3710.220
		06/02/23	585532	Return Brake Shoes	-101.99	02-5330.220
		06/23/23	3535 JUNE 23	Fleet Manager Supplies	96.46	02-5330.220
		06/05/23	585574	Oil Filter	11.99	02-5330.220
		06/16/23	585891	Fuel & Oil Filter	56.98	02-5330.220
				TOTAL CHECK	79.40	
Pre-Paid						
330517	ALTAIR ENGINEERING INC.	06/23/23	INVALUS06249	Monarch Software	7,965.00	01-9560.850
330530	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES,	07/06/23	1JKJFQGHKG9P	Custom Stamp	21.90	01-4100.200
		07/07/23	1FVCFJVMLMND	(26) Shine Kits	345.02	01-4100.190
		05/23/23	1XQW6KYN7GMK	Battery Pack Replacement	89.99	41-5980.220
		07/12/23	1WMR96PP3CNY	Gold Seals	4.79	01-3700.200
				TOTAL CHECK	461.70	
330531	AT HOOSICK, LLC	07/10/23	X40500931101	Horn	104.16	02-5330.220
330532	ATG SEABROOK, LLC	07/12/23	X30105924701	Front Shield	156.70	02-5330.220
330533	ATG, LLC	06/29/23	X30105896701	Steering Shaft	279.02	02-5330.220
		07/05/23	X30105908001	Tie Rod Assembly	342.99	02-5200.220
		07/05/23	X30105908501	Oil Filter	29.42	02-5200.220
				TOTAL CHECK	651.43	
330534	BENNINGTON COUNTY REGIONA	07/06/23	2174	Task Based Agreement	5,000.00	01-9503.850
330535	BENNINGTON FIRE DEPARTMEN	07/05/23	07/05/23	Annual Stipend	2,000.00	03-4500.440

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		07/05/23	07/05/23-1	Battle Day Parade	15,000.00	01-8041.440
				TOTAL CHECK	17,000.00	
330536	BENNINGTON HIGH LLC	07/12/23	07/12/23	Lease Agreement	5,252.00	01-7800.650
330537	BENNINGTON PIZZA HOUSE, I	07/11/23	1001	Dinner for CPARB	165.00	01-3000.790
330538	BERKSHIRE FAMILY YMCA	07/12/23	07/12/23	Management Services	12,000.00	01-7100.561
330539	BETTER BENNINGTON CORPORA	07/19/23	07/19/23	Operating Ggrant	7,874.49	62-8700.560
330540	BROOK FIELD SERVICE	07/18/23	C-0013868	PV Maint. Contract	555.00	01-4170.680
		07/18/23	C-0013868B	PV Maint. Contract	581.00	01-3710.680
				TOTAL CHECK	1,136.00	
330541	C. L. WHITE, INC.	07/06/23	58485	2022 Ford F-350 Dump	374.85	01-7180.680
330542	CALLAERT CONSTRUCTION & L	07/02/23	240092	June Mowing	3,660.00	01-7160.560
		07/02/23	240085	June Mowings	2,610.00	02-5120.560
					4,360.00	01-5520.560
					330.00	02-5170.560
		07/01/23	240131	June Mowing	1,130.00	41-5910.680
		07/02/23	240118	June Mowing	960.00	42-5480.680
				TOTAL CHECK	13,050.00	
330543	CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS, IN	07/01/23	739733	Trash - N Benn	15.00	01-5430.560
		06/26/23	739706	Trash N. Benn	30.00	01-5430.560
		07/01/23	1185660	Recycling	7,350.45	01-5430.570
		06/26/23	739702	Trash	121.56	42-5480.560
					24.11	02-5120.560
					299.88	01-5430.560
		07/01/23	739730	Trash	164.75	42-5480.560
					110.45	01-5430.560
					35.16	02-5120.560
		07/10/23	739761	Trash - MAU	57.20	01-5430.560
		07/10/23	739759	Trash - N. Benn	30.00	01-5430.560
		07/10/23	739755	Trash	168.78	42-5480.560
					147.54	01-5430.560
					31.14	02-5120.560
				TOTAL CHECK	8,586.02	
330544	CDW GOVERNMENT INC	06/26/23	KK61974	Wrist Strap	13.52	01-3410.680
		07/07/23	KP31368	Crucial BX500-SSD	34.10	01-3620.230
		07/03/23	KN18685	NewerTech Adapter for SSD	17.05	01-3620.230
				TOTAL CHECK	64.67	
330545	CENTURY ACQUISITION INC.	07/08/23	11040547	County St	3,426.00	02-5200.560
330546	CINTAS	07/07/23	4160835940	Cleaning Supplies - PD	265.07	01-4170.210
		07/07/23	4160836032	Cleaning Supplies - Rec	539.71	01-4170.210

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		07/07/23	4160835926	Cleaning Supplies - TO	157.39	01-3710.210
				TOTAL CHECK	962.17	
330547	COEO SOLUTIONS, LLC	07/13/23	1097688	PS Cell Modems-Monthly	101.04	42-5400.340
330548	COL CO., INC.	06/30/23	06/30/23	Qrtly Car Washes	975.00	01-4180.680
330549	COMCAST	06/23/23	06/23/23	8773 50 030 0171680	56.54	01-7900.340
		07/03/23	07/03/23	8773 50 030 0281422	91.59	02-5100.340
		07/09/23	07/09/23	8773 50 030 0151849	24.95	01-3700.340
				TOTAL CHECK	173.08	
330550	CRAE PRINTING & MAILING	07/12/23	MARK SAWYER1	Uniform Shirts	442.75	01-3710.190
330551	CS ONE BENEFIT SOLUTIONS	07/01/23	18104-852868	Cobra Notice	47.00	01-3700.560
330552	CURTIS LUMBER COMPANY, IN	07/14/23	2307-018749	Treated Ground Contact	203.97	01-7160.220
330553	DAVIDSON HVAC	05/09/23	2607	Replace Valve&HVAC Servic	1,088.45	01-3710.680
330554	DE LAGE LANDEN	06/17/23	80150879	Copier Lease	240.00	01-4100.650
330555	DEJANA TRUCK & UTILITY EQ	06/29/23	APN11399	Controller & Push Button	187.70	01-7180.680
330556	DELL MARKETING L.P.	07/17/23	10685539514	(2) Dell Laptops & Docks	849.46	42-5400.230
					849.46	01-3620.230
					229.94	01-3620.230
					229.94	42-5400.230
				TOTAL CHECK	2,158.80	
330557	DOG WASTE DEPOT	07/03/23	557135	Dog Waste Bags	709.95	01-7160.210
330558	EAGLE HOSE COMPANY	07/05/23	07/05/23	Annual Stipend	1,500.00	03-4500.440
330559	ENDYNE, INC.	07/12/23	453473	Colilert	160.00	41-5980.560
		07/05/23	452812	Colilert	40.00	41-5980.560
		07/18/23	453238	Walloomsac River Sampling	186.00	42-5480.560
		07/07/23	453239	WW Analysis	321.00	42-5480.560
		07/17/23	454056	WW Analysis	296.00	42-5480.560
				TOTAL CHECK	1,003.00	
330560	ESC ENVIRONMENTAL INC.	06/22/23	1003321	Parts for WTP	565.07	41-5940.210
		07/12/23	1003374	Chlorine Pump Parts	254.99	41-5980.220
		05/30/23	1003375	Pump	1,728.38	41-5980.220
				TOTAL CHECK	2,548.44	
330561	ETHAN MYERS	06/17/23	06/17/23	Unform Shorts	60.00	41-5900.190
330562	EVOQUA WATER TECHNOLOGIES	07/05/23	905966971	Bioxide	2,884.00	42-5440.210
330563	F.W. WEBB COMPANY	06/30/23	81398043	Part for Chapel Rd Tank	1.96	41-5940.680

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		07/05/23	81434956	Supplies	153.72	01-4170.220
		07/12/23	81533126	Supplies	21.69	41-5940.210
		07/05/23	81437188	Supplies	50.74	42-5480.220
				TOTAL CHECK	228.11	
330564	FERGUSON WATERWORKS #576	06/23/23	1163209	Manhole Covers	10,497.42	42-5440.210
		06/26/23	1164016	Valve Box Risers	2,372.00	41-5940.210
				TOTAL CHECK	12,869.42	
330565	FIRE PROGRAMS	04/01/23	232283	One Yr Support & Upgrades	745.00	03-4500.680
330566	FIRST CHOICE COMMUNICATIO	06/26/23	27366	PRI Cutover	157.50	01-3410.560
		07/01/23	27271	Combined Total Care Plan	1,250.00	02-5100.340
					1,650.00	01-3700.340
				TOTAL CHECK	3,057.50	
330567	GH BERLIN LUBRICANTS	07/05/23	BLN23-331738	Case Transmission Fluid	209.37	02-5330.210
330568	GRAINGER	07/05/23	9760251547	Oil Drum Meter	386.49	02-5330.210
		07/07/23	9762408764	Guidebar for ICS Saw	286.84	41-5920.680
				TOTAL CHECK	673.33	
330569	GREEN MOUNTAIN TRAFFIC CO	07/04/23	BENN063023	Traffic Control Main St	725.45	41-5940.560
330570	H L PROPANE CO. INC.	07/13/23	1702849	4527 - Rec Ctr	563.63	01-7170.770
		07/13/23	1702815	4526 - Meals on Wheels	65.38	01-7970.770
				TOTAL CHECK	629.01	
330571	HACH COMPANY	06/22/23	13629112	Chlorine Reagent	1,230.59	41-5940.210
330572	HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICE	06/23/23	8022714	Utility Blade etc	45.49	41-5940.210
		07/05/23	6094835	Portable A/C	449.00	01-3710.680
		07/06/23	5514895	Misc. Supplies	448.27	01-7160.220
		07/06/23	5100327	Soap	8.61	42-5480.210
		07/12/23	9024199	Step bit & Bottle water	73.91	01-3710.220
		07/11/23	24128	Tape Measure, chisel etc	120.99	02-5200.220
		07/14/23	7024383	Batteries cemetary camera	19.74	01-5520.210
		07/14/23	7024369	Dehumidifier	169.00	02-5170.210
		07/13/23	8100886	Rope	5.28	02-5330.210
		07/06/23	5010698	Dust Pan, Brush & Foam	17.82	41-5920.210
				TOTAL CHECK	1,358.11	
330573	HOOK & LADDER CO #1	07/05/23	07/05/23	Annual Stipend	1,500.00	03-4500.440
330574	I3 IMAGING CO., LLC	07/07/23	23070501	Splash Pad Signs	267.50	01-7160.220
330575	JOHNS BUILDING SUPPLY CO.	07/05/23	15997/1	Concrete Finishing Brush	179.50	02-5200.220
330576	JOHNSON, MICHELE M.	06/21/23	06/21/23	Dinner - 35yrs of Service	142.26	01-3000.159
330577	JOLY, RAYMOND J	07/02/23	07/02/23	Uniform Pants	204.97	02-5100.190

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330578	LAWSON PRODUCTS INC	06/23/23	9310717626	Hydraulic Fitting	312.50	02-5330.220
		06/28/23	9310729546	Shop Supplies	191.67	02-5330.210
				TOTAL CHECK	504.17	
330579	LCS CONTROLS, INC.	06/28/23	14531	Cell Modems (5) PS	9,490.00	42-5440.680
330580	LIVELY, NANCY	07/10/23	07/10/23	SB Meeting Minutes	357.75	01-3700.560
330581	M&K COMMERICAL DIVING, LL	07/16/23	2066	Clean & Inspect-BurgessRd	3,800.00	41-5940.560
Pre-Paid 330518	M&T BANK	06/28/23	2310315918	'20 Tandem Dump Truck	24,314.00	02-5330.900
					2,252.85	02-5330.910
		06/28/23	2310315917	'20JD Loader	2,831.86	02-5330.910
					15,011.00	02-5330.900
		06/28/23	2310315919	'20 Ford F350	8,181.00	02-5330.900
					818.13	02-5330.910
				TOTAL CHECK	53,408.84	
330582	M&T BANK	07/10/23	07/10/23	Google,FB,Hosting,MailChi	1,621.71	01-9537.850
		07/10/23	07/10/23-1	Office & Misc Supplies	42.44	01-3620.620
					42.43	01-3650.200
					30.66	01-4100.200
					72.29	02-5330.220
					257.28	02-5100.742
					897.00	01-4100.200
					36.09	02-5100.200
					43.34	01-3210.200
					168.13	01-9534.850
					136.82	01-4180.680
					76.31	01-4130.742
					427.60	01-3410.560
					245.39	01-4130.210
					470.00	01-4170.230
					629.97	01-4170.230
					34.95	01-4180.220
		07/10/23	07/10/23-2	Subscripts,Trainin,Licens	47.00	02-5100.720
					111.98	01-3620.400
					1,440.00	42-5400.720
					135.00	01-4130.410
					15.99	01-3650.630
					42.39	01-3650.400
					270.00	01-4100.850
		07/10/23	07/10/23-3	Maps,Switches,Shipping	13.00	01-4100.360
					15.44	01-3000.790
					143.93	01-9520.850
					835.41	01-9516.850
					143.93	01-3410.230
		07/10/23	07/10/23-4	Victims Advocate Grant	644.13	01-4100.850
				TOTAL CHECK	9,090.61	
330583	MOHAWK LIFTS LLC	07/10/23	P000029547	Lift Support 2-Post	1,365.00	02-5330.220

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330584	MONUMENT ELECTRIC COMPANY	06/30/23	12326	UV/Replace Lts	4,046.00	01-7170.680
		06/30/23	12324	RepairVandalism-SplashPad	325.00	01-7160.680
		06/30/23	12325	Repair Lt Pocket Park	80.00	01-7160.680
				TOTAL CHECK	4,451.00	
330585	MOORADIAN HYDRAULICS & EQ	06/29/23	277372	Hydraulic Motor	295.00	02-5330.220
330586	MORGAN, RICHARD P.	06/27/23	06/27/23	Reimb 4yr CDL	39.00	02-5100.720
330587	MSK ATTORNEYS	06/30/23	50780	Benn Hi Redevelopment Pro	1,606.00	01-7800.560
330588	MSK ENGINEERING & DESIGN,	06/30/23	15991	South End Design	30,342.00	41-0872.000
		06/30/23	15994	Gage St. Design	10,045.10	41-0873.000
		06/30/23	15992	PFOA Settlers Rd	17,306.50	41-0874.000
		06/30/23	15993	Leead Line Replacement	28,647.50	41-5910.890
		06/30/23	15995	Lead Line Phaase II	65,460.01	41-5910.890
				TOTAL CHECK	151,801.11	
330589	NESPIN	07/01/23	INV202300871	Annual Membership	150.00	01-4100.400
330590	NEW ENGLAND NEWSPAPER	05/31/23	157393	Public Notice	274.00	01-3650.300
		06/30/23	157392-1	(2) DRB Leage Notice	158.00	01-3620.300
		06/30/23	157392-2	Change of Value Notice	442.00	01-3430.300
		06/30/23	157392-3	Lab Tech Job Ad	314.40	42-5400.300
		06/30/23	157392-4	Ad for BBC	2,000.00	01-3650.840
				TOTAL CHECK	3,188.40	
330591	NORTH BENNINGTON HYDROELE	07/12/23	07/12/23	Hydro	6,845.96	01-1107.000
330592	NY FIRE EQUIPMENT LLC	06/29/23	4309	Fire Boots	418.48	03-4500.190
330593	O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE, INC.	06/21/23	5684-122489	Hyd Fitting	12.42	02-5330.220
		06/23/23	5684-122960	PD 2020 Brake Pads&Rotors	299.98	02-5330.220
		06/26/23	5684-123597	Pads & Rotors Returned	-149.99	02-5330.220
		06/26/23	5684-123438	Hyd Hose & Mega Crimp	201.60	02-5330.220
		05/05/23	5684-112695	Anti-Freeze	11.99	02-5330.210
		07/06/23	5684-125457	Momen Rocker	5.49	01-3710.220
		07/03/23	5684-124937	Wipers	38.94	42-5420.220
		07/03/23	5684-125001	Supplies	100.18	01-7180.220
				TOTAL CHECK	520.61	
330594	OLIVER FORD OF BENNINGTON	07/08/23	5006754	Trk#109 Part	42.04	02-5330.220
330595	OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY	06/19/23	100401207259	Yearly Service Contract	4,471.44	01-4170.560
330596	PARAMOUNT ASSESSMENT GROU	06/30/23	104	Polygraph Test	350.00	01-4100.560
		06/30/23	105	Polygraph Test	350.00	01-4100.560
		07/03/23	86977	Inspection Stickers	2.26	41-5910.560
					2.26	42-5420.680

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					11.30	02-5330.560
				TOTAL CHECK	715.82	
330597	PECKHAM INDUSTRIES, INC.	07/01/23	1043735	County St	1,877.40	02-5110.220
		07/01/23	1043736	Shoulder Stone	325.68	02-5110.220
		07/08/23	1044624	Shoulder Stone	619.68	02-5110.220
		07/08/23	1044625	Patching	1,167.60	02-5110.220
		07/08/23	1044626	Shoulder Stone	662.20	02-5110.220
				TOTAL CHECK	4,652.56	
330598	PELTON TOOLS	07/05/23	60723118319	Sand Blaster Cabinet	3,295.00	02-5330.230
330599	POOL SHARK H20	07/05/23	3207	Pool Supplies	540.00	01-7150.220
					255.00	01-7150.220
				TOTAL CHECK	795.00	
330600	PRUE ELECTRIC	07/09/23	1539	New Panel Box @ WTP	3,004.00	41-5980.680
		07/09/23	1540	Outlet by Lift	245.00	02-5170.560
		07/09/23	1545	Dewatering Door Repair	210.00	42-5480.560
		07/09/23	1547	SVC PS New Timer	156.00	41-5940.680
				TOTAL CHECK	3,615.00	
330601	PUTNAM HOSE CO #3	07/05/23	07/05/23	Annual Stipend	1,500.00	03-4500.440
330602	RCS CONSULTING, INC.	07/01/23	21119	Managed Services	461.64	42-5400.560
					153.88	03-4500.560
					1,538.80	01-3700.560
					461.64	41-5900.560
					461.64	02-5100.560
				TOTAL CHECK	3,077.60	
330603	REPEAT BUSINESS SYSTEMS,	07/03/23	916014	Qrtly Copier Usage	123.60	01-4100.560
					63.71	01-4100.560
					144.39	01-3700.650
					297.31	01-3700.650
					44.83	01-4100.560
					368.59	01-3700.650
					51.33	01-7900.650
					123.59	01-4100.560
					286.00	02-5100.650
				TOTAL CHECK	1,503.35	
330604	RICHCO PRODUCTS, INC.	06/30/23	166746	Surface Cleaner/Disinfect	145.35	01-7970.210
330605	S.B. COLLINS INC.	07/05/23	393766	Fleet Fuel	15,145.90	02-5330.211
					10,334.91	02-5330.211
		07/05/23	393764	Fleet Fuel	6.14	02-5330.211
		07/05/23	393765	Fleet Fuel - Credit	-6.14	02-5330.211
				TOTAL CHECK	25,480.81	
330606	SECURSHRED	06/28/23	429079	Shredding	22.00	01-3700.560

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330607	SILVESTRO, ANTHONY	06/09/23	06/09/23	20 yr service Dinner	40.00	01-3000.159
330608	SKI DOOR INC.	06/22/23	31218	Compost Door Repair	328.00	42-5480.560
330609	STARK HOSE COMPANY	07/05/23	07/05/23	Annual Stipend	1,500.00	03-4500.440
330610	SWEET WILLIAM GARDEN DESI	07/12/23	07/12/23	Pynt #4	2,851.00	01-8060.440
330611	SYNCARPHA BENNINGTON SOLA	06/30/23	247182	Solar	16,592.72	01-1106.000
330612	TARA SCHATZ	07/01/23	INV-000198	Newsletter, S Media, VBH	300.00	01-3650.840
		06/30/23	JUN0623VBH	Digital Marketing	450.00	01-9537.850
				TOTAL CHECK	750.00	
330613	TI-SALES, INC.	07/14/23	INV0159795	Meter & Meter Heads	5,107.18	41-5920.790
330614	TOYOTA FINANCIAL SERVICES	06/26/23	06/26/23	0247204725-Rav-4 Lease	4,140.08	01-3620.830
330615	TRACTOR SUPPLY CREDIT PLA	07/05/23	57813	Sprayers	19.98	02-5200.220
		05/31/23	49113	Uniform Shorts	21.59	42-5400.190
		07/12/23	738700	Draw pin Adjustable	6.89	01-7160.220
		07/14/23	738785	FP FHMS W/NT	2.59	01-7160.220
		07/14/23	60226	Bulbs	12.95	01-7170.220
		07/13/23	60021	Repair kit for Compactor	19.99	02-5330.220
		07/14/23	60277	Trailer Winch	49.98	02-5330.210
				TOTAL CHECK	133.97	
330616	UCS OF BENNINGTON COUNTY	06/22/23	06/22/23	Therapy Sessions	670.00	01-4100.670
330617	VERMONT AGENCY OF TRANSP	06/30/23	06/30/23	Rt9 Bridge-Miller's Toll	338.50	02-9510.850
330618	VERMONT ROOFING COMPANY I	06/20/23	S9101821714	Bowen Roof Repair	359.31	02-5170.560
330619	VERMONT VOLTAGE	07/12/23	07/12/23	MOU Rental Space	3,000.00	01-7100.650
330620	VIKING-CIVES USA	07/12/23	4526216	Vlave Flow Divider	517.99	02-5330.220
Pre-Paid 330519	VLCT	07/01/23	1806	FY24 Member Dues	21,335.00	01-3700.400
Pre-Paid 330520	VLCT PACIF	06/26/23	INT202336937PACIF Adj		499.25	01-3700.483
					725.61	42-5400.483
					725.61	41-5900.483
					4,407.76	01-4100.483
					3,315.77	02-5100.483
				TOTAL CHECK	9,674.00	
330621	VLCT PACIF	06/28/23	20221412-001	Deductible-Johnson	1,000.00	42-5400.485
330622	WELLS FARGO VENDOR FINANC	07/06/23	5025798274	Copier Lease	303.00	01-3700.650

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		07/08/23	5025864501	Copier Lease	190.00	01-7900.650
		07/12/23	5025902591	Copier Lease	169.00	02-5100.650
				TOTAL CHECK	662.00	
330623	WHITMAN'S FEED STORE	06/21/23	189875	Uniform Cloths	389.88	42-5400.190
330624	WOODWARD EQUIPMENT CO. LL	06/14/23	TOBHD061423	Tailgate Hardware	196.48	02-5330.220
330625	WOOLMINGTON, CAMPBELL, BE	06/30/23	06/30/23	Professional Services	1,477.93	01-3620.600
					2,455.00	01-3620.600
					2,580.00	01-3700.600
				TOTAL CHECK	6,512.93	

Report Total					508,662.96	
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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 \$ ***508,662.96
Let this be your order for the payments of these amounts.

-The following check was issued against the Community Development checking account: check #748, dated
07/19/23, in the amount of \$100,000.00, payable to 319 Pleasant Street, LLC.



**Military Order
Of the
Purple Heart**



**TOWN OF BENNINGTON, VERMONT
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.

MEMORANDUM

To: Select Board

From: Stuart A. Hurd, Town Manager

Re: Ratification of Emergency Management Plan (EMP)

Date: July 17, 2023

Our Emergency Management Director, Chief Doucette, developed the updated Plan over the last several weeks. He and I wanted to finalize it and get it filed before the severe storm events forecasted to occur over the last several weeks. Paul approached the Chair and her signature and mine were added to the Plan before it was filed.

Given the time frame, and the fact that the Board needs to have approved the Plan, we present it to you for ratification.

MEMORANDUM

To: Select Board

From: Stuart A. Hurd, Town Manager

Re: Tax Rates for FY 24

Date: July 13, 2023

Following completion of the Grand List by the Board of Listers and completion of the first level of appeals, we are prepared to recommend the following tax rates for the coming year.

For the General Fund: \$0.8778 an increase of \$0.0595

For the Highway Fund: \$0.4761, an increase of \$0.0559

For the Fire Fund: \$0.0972, an increase of \$0.0008

Total \$1.4511, an increase of \$0.1162

The General Fund rate is assessed on all properties in Bennington including the Villages of Old Bennington and North Bennington.

The Highway Fund rate is assessed on all properties excluding the Villages of Old Bennington and North Bennington.

The Fire Fund rate is assessed on all properties within the former Village of Bennington and Village of Old Bennington excluding the Village of North Bennington and the properties within the Bennington Rural Fire District No. 1.

When calculated as a percent increase, the rate increase equals 8.70%. I seek a motion to approve the tax rates as presented.

I note that in my presentation back in January 2023, I projected a tax rate increase of \$0.1106 to \$1.4455 or 8.29%. The difference relates to a reduction in the Grand List. We did anticipate a slight increase but that did not occur.

TOWN OF BENNINGTON
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2023-JUNE 30, 2024
TAX RATE REQUIRED TO RAISE TAX DOLLARS

(Voter Approved Agencies (\$131,850) are included adding about \$0.01 to the tax rate)

TYPE CODE	TAX RATE DESCRIPTION	TAX DOLLARS RAISED	GRAND LIST VALUE	TAX RATE		
0	GENERAL	9,012,770.00	10,267,844.25	0.8778	FY23 0.8183	CHG 0.0595
BENNINGTON LOCAL AGREEMENT-SCHOOL						
1	HIGHWAY	4,397,340.00	9,235,376.25	0.4761	0.4202	0.0559
2	FIRE - INSIDE	397,700.00	4,092,849.00	0.0972	0.0964	0.0008
3	FIRE - RURAL				1.3349	0.1162
4	OLD BENN VILLAGE					
6	D.I.C					
	LATE HS-131 PENALTY					
8	SCHOOL - HOMESTEAD					
9	SCHOOL - NON-RESIDENTIAL					
TOTAL		13,807,810.00				

MANAGER'S REPORT
July 24, 2023

ACTION

Nothing at this time.

INFORMATIONAL

County Street Sidewalk and Paving This project is progressing slowly. New sidewalk will be constructed along the northerly side of County Street from Benmont Avenue to Depot Street and new paved pathway will be added along the south side of County Street all the way to North Street. The goal is to tie this into the pathway projects elsewhere. We had hoped to finish sooner but the weather has played a role in slowing the project.

River Walk Update This project involves widening the path and adding and improving lighting along its entire length. It will also allow the path to stretch across the Depot Street parking lot to connect to the recently completed rail trail. We have been reviewing tree removal. Several Norway maples (max. the first 4) at the North Street entrance have to be removed to comply with federal standards on the width of the pathway. It is being constructed with State grant funds. We are reviewing the trees between School and Park Street to see how many can be saved. Removing some will allow the remaining to improve the canopy and also provide clearing for the new lights. The installation of lighting, one of our mandates, requires trenching for power along the northerly side of the new walkway. When I have a final determination in place, I will present a report to the Board. I should have the report ready for the August 14th meeting.

EPA - the Jard Site Dan and I met with representatives of EPA to discuss current efforts at the former Jard site. A formal report and ultimate decision on removal are still in the future. However, EPA is planning a public meeting as early as August 23rd to discuss next steps. Some form of removal of contaminated material is planned but there is still much to do, and nothing is cast in stone. The public meeting is to gather the public's input on the alternatives. We will work with EPA to get the word out prior to the public meeting.

FOLLOW UP

The Communications Coordinator's Report is attached.

The Chief and LT. will be on the August 14th agenda.



Town of Bennington

Communications Coordinator Report – July 24, 2023

Summer is Here!

Suddenly it's summer and we have the heat and humidity to prove it! We have also had a lot of rain, but luckily we escaped the worst of it last week with only minor flooding in a few areas. We extend our sympathy and support to our fellow VT towns who were not so fortunate.

Public Outreach

Recent outreaches included the Community Policing Advisory Review Board listening session and the proposed design for the skate park idea. I was also involved in helping with the 4th of July Bell Ringing ceremony at the Town Offices, as well as being an active participant with the BPD's New Experience Camp where I led a wild caving trip to Clarksville Cave and assisted with the paddling and fishing program at Lake Somerset. I was also involved with outreach regarding the sudden closure of the Rotary Park (also known as the "Peoples" Park or Bennington Station Park) and the re-opening a few days later.

250th Planning

I was the lead in organizing a meeting of 250th regional planners from NY, VT, MA, CT, and RI at Fort Ticonderoga. Over 50 folks from the five states attended. Our guest speakers included the chair of America 250, and the President of Fort Ticonderoga. Breakout sessions included a task force focused on the Capture of Fort Ticonderoga, marketing and outreach, and education. While Vermont is small... our leadership in regional 250th planning looms large. I also attended the quarterly VT250 Commission meeting at Mount Independence where the draft resolution for towns that I proposed was accepted. I'm also the chair of the VT250 educational committee and we concluded a listening session with Ver-

mont social studies teachers in June. The local Bennington 250 Anniversary Committee which I also chair has been active and is pursuing a number of planning efforts for our own commemorations. A website has been created and is under development: bennington250.org

Community Events

Planning is well underway for the second annual Bennington Trailfest. Trailfest celebrates the Long Trail and Appalachian Trail which run as one through Bennington County. The event is to increase awareness and stewardship of the trail by locals, and to encourage hikers to visit Bennington as part of their journey and to build our reputation as an outdoor recreation destination. The event will be held on July 29 from noon to 2:30 pm. More information is available on the Town website.

Organizational Outreach

My primary focus this past month has been working with area organizations around the end of the motel voucher program. One idea that is gaining momentum is the purchase and re-purposing of an area motel to provide transitional and permanent housing. What began as an idea of how the town can help extend some vouchers has evolved into what looks like a much more impactful and permanent solution. To this end, I have been working primarily with BCCH, Hale Resources, Turning Point, and the Project Alliance Housing sub committee and John Rogers.

Bennington Trail Maps

I worked with BCRC, the Bike Hub, the Chamber of Commerce, and Shannon, director of Community Development to reprint the popular "Bennington Trail Map" brochure. This 11 x 17

