

M E E T I N G N O T I C E
BENNINGTON SELECT BOARD
Monday, October 9, 2023
Bennington Fire Facility
Multi-Purpose Room - 3rd Floor
130 River Street
Bennington, Vermont 05201
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 September 25, 2023 | |
| B. Warrants | |
| C. Licenses, if any | |
| 4. Public Comment | 6:05 PM - 6:20 PM |
| 5. Skatepark Presentation | 6:20 PM - 6:45 PM |
| 6. Brush Pile Fees | 6:45 PM - 6:55 PM |
| 7. Neighborhood Development Grant | 6:55 PM - 7:05 PM |
| 8. Manager's Report | 7:05 PM - 7:10 PM |
| 9. Upcoming Agendas | 7:10 PM - 7:15 PM |
| 10. Other Business | 7:15 PM - 7:20 PM |
| 11. Executive Session | |
| A. Contracts | |

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1 **BENNINGTON SELECT BOARD MEETING**

2 **130 RIVER STREET**

3 **BENNINGTON, VERMONT 05201**

4 **SEPTEMBER 25, 2023**

5 **MINUTES**

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

8 **SELECT BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Sarah Perrin.

9 **ALSO PRESENT:** Stuart Hurd-Town Manager; Jonah Spivak-Communication Coordinator; Margae
10 Diamond-Project Alliance Update on Outreach for Housing; Alison Levie-Energy Committee-
11 Compost Fee; Loraine Donatelli; Jack Rossiter-Munley; Donald Washum; Steve Golden; Debbie
12 Matte; Mary Ellen Munley; Representative Mary Morrissey; Nancy White; Shirley Adams; 12
13 citizens; Josh Boucher-CAT-TV; 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 SEPTEMBER 7 AND 11, 2023**

24 **B. WARRANTS**

25 **C. LICENSES**

26 *Jim Carroll moved and Gary Corey seconded to approve the Minutes of September 7,*
27 *2023 as submitted. The motion carried with Tom Haley abstaining and Sarah Perrin absent.*

28 *Jim Carroll moved and Ed Woods seconded to approve the Minutes of September 11,*
29 *2023 as submitted. The motion carried with Sarah Perrin absent.*

Jim Carroll moved and Ed Woods seconded to approve the Warrants and Licenses as submitted. The motion carried with Sarah Perrin absent.

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.

Donald Washum: Wants to hear an update from the Board on the Benn High Project before he is able to make a comment. *Ms. Jenkins: We have had 5 public meetings on Benn High with the last one at the 9/11/23 meeting and all of the information is available on the Web, CAT-TV, and YOUTUBE. If having difficulty getting on the site, there is help to do that at the Library and there is info in our meeting packets.*

Nancy White: We have over 300 signatures on the Benn High petition and 185 more are needed by Friday. It can be signed at Martin's Mini Mart or contact Ms. White. There were many details omitted 1 ½ years ago on the Lease to Purchase Agreement. Mr. Gilbert was to get the Senior Center and \$1.1M and the gym was to have been ready for use. He didn't uphold his end of the bargain. The petition will force the Town to explain the costs of the Benn High project to the Bennington taxpayers and Chris Gilbert shouldn't get the Senior Center. The voters will decide. *Ms. Jenkins: Public comment is an opinion and not necessarily factual. All of the information on the Benn High Project process is available online.*

Loraine Donatelli and Jack Rossiter-Munley: Spoke on how the Community Café has flourished with the support of many volunteers and community connections. In addition to food there is also music, art, clothing, and life essentials available. They are feeding an average of 50 people

per week and have served over 1,000 meals since forming in January. Also noted that after Café hours there was someone in need of Narcan close by whose life was saved. Narcan is readily available and can be used by anyone. *Ms. Conner asked: Does Narcan expire and Ms. Diamond answered that there is an expiration date on the bottle.*

Steve Golden: Feels that there should be signage on Benmont Avenue primarily due to the increased traffic from the farm stand.

Jeanne Conner: Speaking on behalf of Kelly Carroll, Socktober is a campaign to collect socks for the unhoused in Bennington County. In 2021, 2,400 pairs of new socks were collected and in 2022, 1,300 pairs were collected. And in 2023, new hats, gloves, mittens, long underwear, and boots will also be collected to benefit the Project Alliance Community Outreach Program and the Bennington County Coalition for the Homeless. Socktober donation boxes are located in Bennington at the Police Department, VFW, American Legion, UCS, Turning Point, VSCCU (Credit Union), Glow Lounge Tanning Salon, and CAPA (Bennington College); Arlington at the Battenkill Valley Health Center; and Manchester at their Police Department and VFW the whole month of October. Contact Kelly Carroll for other locations.

Jonah Spivak: Reiterated Benn High Project information that has been on the Town's website. Once the Senior Center and Meals and Wheels are relocated in the Benn High building the old building will no longer be needed. The value of the building would go toward the cost of the new Senior Center and could be redeveloped for private use and returned to the tax rolls. If the Senior Center doesn't move, then there is no sale contemplated.

5. PROJECT ALLIANCE UPDATE ON OUTREACH FOR HOUSING

Margae Diamond, Executive Director of Turning Point, did the following presentation:

- Project Alliance is an effort to connect all of the social services agencies, town and local government, police, and rescue.
- Our goal is to reduce harm in the community.
- The State's assistance to house people in motels will end on March 31, 2024 and not all people will be housed elsewhere on April 1st.
- We are working to be sure that all of the homeless have completed the mandatory documentation that is required by the State to be on the list for permanent housing.
- Vermont has the 2nd highest per capita homeless rate in the country and are ~3,000 units short for what our population demands.
- To stay in the motels until the end of March, people have to pay 30% of their income to the motels and be actively engaged with a social service agency.
- Traveling nurses were very helpful in completing the required documentation but needed local input to answer many questions.

- We currently have 133 households - comprised of 165 adults and 93 children - in Bennington County staying in motels, with the vast majority of those having disabilities and children.
- There have been 31 new households that include 23 children added to the motel program since June 1st.
- 80% of the households have signed a consent form so we can make referrals and 50% of them have completed basic screening with 68% of those 50% with an active shared care plan.
- 20% still need to complete the coordinated entry piece which will get them on the Section 8 list.
- There is still the free shower program at the Rec Center including a caddy of supplies available at the front desk.
- There is also a pilot program between Rescue and Turning Point looking for substance use issues but not just overdoses. We're getting ~3/day.

Board comments/questions answered by Ms. Diamond:

Mr. Carroll: Has heard the per diem rate for motels is high - do you know what it is? *No.*

Ms. Conner: When a child is unhoused with their family, do they stay in the same motel so they don't have to change schools? *Ms. Jenkins: They don't change schools, the school system keeps them in the same school.*

Ms. Conner: Do you have a sense that the substance use disorder is getting worse, better, or the same? *Overdoses and repeat visits to the Emergency Room are on the rise statewide primarily due to the contamination of the drug supply. They're finding fentanyl in everything and Xylazine in 40%-80% of the supply, as well. Xylazine is a veterinary drug, not an opioid, so it can't be reversed by Narcan, and it causes open wounds on those that inject and those that don't with the potential for the need for limb amputation.*

Ms. Conner: What are the barriers to getting the paperwork done? *Finding people in their rooms if they don't have a phone and the need for more people to help us with the process.*
Thank you to all that are working so tirelessly on this situation.

Public comments/questions answered by Ms. Diamond:

Debbie Matte: Can you kick people out for refusing to cooperate in the process? *The motel, itself, has the right to evict someone if they aren't paying their 30% but, since we don't have a deadline, we're working with everyone at this time.*

Debbie Matte: Do the motels accepting vouchers sign an agreement with the State that states what their responsibilities are? *Mr. Hurd answered that the motels had to sign up to get into the voucher program, and Ms. Jenkins requested that Mr. Sancic respond to this question, as well.*

135 Donald Washum: People with substance use disorders will remain addicted without housing.
136 We need to move past where we are, stay on the path and stay focused.

137 Nancy White: 1. Do you have any plans for the Bennington Health and Rehab building? 2. The
138 State still has the voucher system that is apart from the COVID voucher system so people can
139 still come to Vermont knowing they are homeless and get a voucher. How can we address the
140 situation if we have people coming in from other states when we can't take care of the people
141 that are already here? 3. Are you working with other towns to get shelters open because
142 Bennington can't do it all by ourselves? *Housing is first and the motels charge the State a lot for*
143 *deplorable conditions, such as, no toilet paper, no laundry facilities, no fresh air, etc. This has*
144 *not been an easy road for them and the out-of-state people coming in is very minimal. We need*
145 *to focus on our mission and Field Services would be the contact in other towns. Ms Jenkins:*
146 *Added that the Board sent a letter to the State noting that if there isn't any transportation*
147 *available people need to be located near the services which means they need to be in*
148 *Bennington. This puts much stress on the service providers and the Town, Montpelier needs to*
149 *be looking at this, and Act 250 has been a barrier for housing in this area.*

150 Mary Ellen Munley: This is an issue about the safety and well-being of several people that live in
151 Bennington and they deserve to see the community seeing it as an emergency. It is in the
152 purview of the Select Board to lead us in that recognition. "It is completely unsatisfactory that
153 we have these conditions in our community." *Ms. Jenkins: We're not just accepting this, we're*
154 *doing a lot of "nibbling around the edges" with the shower program, for example. We have a*
155 *good idea about the problem and Project Alliance was established to increase the safety for*
156 *everyone. Ms. Jenkins recommended that Ms. Munley attend the Project Alliance meetings and*
157 *bring any suggestions that she may have on how to improve on the work that is being done. "It*
158 *is a shared frustration."*

159 Shirley Adams: Can Mr. Carroll and/or Representative Morrissey recommend anything that the
160 public can do to change the focus?

161 *Mr. Carroll asked Mr. Hurd if the Health Department is required to inspect the motels with these*
162 *horrible conditions, and Mr. Hurd responded yes and no. Their focus - and the local focus - has*
163 *been on privately owned housing units. The State created the voucher program and there is no*
164 *reason for the motels not to provide the basic services of a motel, and if they're not, then the*
165 *State needs to step in.*

166 *Representative Mary Morrissey stated that part of the problem is that this has been extended by*
167 *the State - and to a degree by the communities - "and we have limped along with emergency*
168 *services". "The solution isn't to have vouchers for folks to stay in a one room motel and they're*
169 *a disaster." This program has cost the State over \$200M that could have been better spent in a*
170 *different way. We need housing and Federal, State, and local governments have to work*
171 *together to find appropriate solutions for the people that need the help.*

172 *Ms. Jenkins appealed to Rep. Morrissey that if there was a way for the Legislature to remove the*
173 *Act 250 barriers and work on transportation accommodations would be very helpful.*

174 *Ms. Conner: These motels are functioning as people's homes so what is Paul Dansereau's*
175 *jurisdiction? Mr. Hurd answered that he is the Health Inspector for the Town and motels are*
176 *generally out of our jurisdiction, however, when they are being used as residences, we will go in,*
177 *and the motels should be providing services. It will take more than the \$200M that the State*
178 *has spent on vouchers to "build our way out of this" housing shortage.*

179 *Mr. Carroll: Have you gone to the Health Department to report the filthy conditions? I have not.*
180 *It isn't every room or every motel but I have seen where those conditions exist and some of*
181 *those people have been there for 3 years. Mr. Carroll recommended that the Health*
182 *Department just show up where we know there are issues. I will "float it up the flagpole". Rep.*
183 *Morrissey stated that she doesn't understand why the State and Local can't coordinate those*
184 *efforts and she will contact the Health Department to get more presence in Bennington. Mr.*
185 *Woods commented that the State inspectors do come here without warning, and Ms. Jenkins*
186 *added if Rep. Morrissey could also find out if the motels that are all voucher driven are still on*
187 *the State's inspection radar.*

188 *Mr. Woods: Do those in motels with the voucher program have a way for their needs to be*
189 *heard? We ask them what their needs are but we are not enforcement to the motels,*
190 *themselves.*

191 *Shirley Adams: Is there an organizer in the State that is handling the homeless problem that*
192 *could come back to us? That would be Adam Sancic with the Agency of Human Services. He will*
193 *be attending a meeting in the future. Rep. Morrissey added that it has to be a coordinated*
194 *effort to get as reasonable a price as we can for future housing.*

195 **6. COMPOST FEE**

196 *Alison Levie, Energy Committee member, stated that the Energy Committee is*
197 *requesting that the Select Board rescind the \$1.25/gallon compost fee to encourage people to*
198 *compost as much as they can. When organic materials go to the landfill they create methane*
199 *and the Energy Committee is looking into this in connection to energy and greenhouse gases.*
200 *Composting saves 450% of the greenhouse gases as compared to just taking it to the landfill.*
201 *Interestingly in Bennington, it is more expensive to take your compost to the landfill than it is to*
202 *take your trash.*

203 *Board discussion ensued with the following points:*

- 204 *○ We don't charge to recycle other items, such as glass, plastic, etc. so the*
205 *taxpayers are subsidizing recycling.*
- 206 *○ Composting lowers the greenhouse gases from just bringing the organic material*
207 *to the landfill as trash.*
- 208 *○ It is a state law to encourage composting.*

- 209 ○ \$1.25/gallon is expensive.
- 210 ○ TAM and Casella will pick up your compost when they pick up your trash.
- 211 ○ The transfer station will take compost that you would not put in your backyard
- 212 compost.
- 213 ○ If you're not able to have a backyard compost then you either pay the
- 214 \$1.25/gallon or don't do it.
- 215 ○ A better option would be to not charge for compost instead of having people just
- 216 not declare they have it so they don't have to pay for it.
- 217 ○ Most other communities don't charge for compost at their transfer stations.
- 218 ○ We don't know what Casella does with the compost that goes to the transfer
- 219 station.

220 ***Tom Haley moved and Jeanne Conner seconded to stop charging \$1.25/gallon to bring***
221 ***compost to the transfer station. The motion carried with Sarah Perrin absent.***

222 Ms. Jenkins asked Mr. Hurd to let the Board know where and how the compost is dealt
223 with, and Mr. Hurd answered that TAM and Casella do operate a composting facility at the
224 transfer station on East Road, however, he will confirm this for the next meeting.

225 **7. BRUSH FEE AT TRANSFER STATION**

226 Mr. Hurd reported the following:

- 227 ➤ Those who don't utilize the brush pile are subsidizing those that do.
- 228 ➤ Last year, we had 130 commercial haulers bring brush to the pile at \$120/ton that
- 229 generated \$7,880, or approximately \$60/load.
- 230 ➤ Paying by the ton requires the haulers be weighed full, get back in line, and be weighed
- 231 empty when the lines may be so long that they are out onto Houghton Lane.
- 232 ➤ Sometimes the haulers aren't truthful about where the brush came from so arguing with
- 233 the scale house workers is an irritant to them and further holds up the line.
- 234 ➤ Our costs to chip and otherwise manage the pile range from \$10,000 to \$15,000
- 235 depending on the cost of fuel and other variables.
- 236 ➤ It is estimated that the commercial haulers make up approximately 10% of the users.
- 237 ➤ He is recommending a flat commercial fee of \$40/load and a residential flat fee of
- 238 \$10/load.
- 239 ➤ If all estimates are accurate, this should generate approximately \$16,000.
- 240 ➤ If we reduce the residential fee to \$5/load, the income generated drops to \$10,500.
- 241 ➤ His suggestion as to what constitutes a "load" is any delivery of brush that exceeds two
- 242 30 gallon bags - the amount one might fit in a standard car trunk.

243 Board discussion ensued with the following points:

- 244 ✓ People would still be able to pick up the chips for free.

- ✓ It seems like we should charge for the mulch and not the branches as they come into the transfer station.
- ✓ There aren't that many people that get the chips primarily because it is made up of diseased wood and the Town is using most of the mulch because we are composting the sludge at the wastewater treatment plant.
- ✓ We have to pay to have it chipped and to bring it to the wastewater treatment plant but at least we are utilizing the product.
- ✓ This will encourage people to just burn their brush and that smoke will negatively affect many people.
- ✓ There are permit fees for burning your own brush.
- ✓ Lowering the commercial fee to \$40/load from the estimated current \$60/load will eliminate the controversy at the scale house.
- ✓ It would cost over \$100,000 to put in a 2nd scale for the empty truck weigh in.
- ✓ If the commercial fee is \$60/load and we don't charge the residents, we would generate the same amount of money that we do now - \$7,880.
- ✓ The guess is that the current commercial fee is only a year or so old so it isn't a 10-year old rate.
- ✓ This may be a large deficit that we're considering here.
- ✓ The Town pays for recycling from Bennington and Woodford, chipping the brush, and trash from our facilities.
- ✓ When a storm like we just had, people may not be able to budget this expense.
- ✓ Those that don't have woods behind their house where they can dump the brush will be the ones that suffer.
- ✓ Is \$2,000-\$3,000 worth making people angry?
- ✓ It's difficult to find towns that can be compared to Bennington on this subject.
- ✓ The Board wants to know when the commercial rate was last increased.

Agenda Item #7 Brush Fee at Transfer Station has been tabled until the next meeting.

8. MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Hurd did the following report.

Lead Service Line Removal Bond - The documents attached fund the continuing lead service lines projects. They require Board signatures on two of the documents and the Board Chair's signature on one. The Treasurer and the Clerk must also sign after the Board takes action. This is 100% reimbursed by the State of Vermont.

Jim Carroll moved and Ed Woods seconded to approve the Loan Agreement Vermont State Revolving Fund Loan RF3-401-3.1 in the amount of \$10,550,000.00 and authorize the Chair to sign, to approve the Bond that the Board members must sign and to waive the reading of the Resolution that the Board members must sign. The motion carried with Sarah Perrin absent.

There is a public meeting scheduled for September 28th at the Fire Facility at 7:00pm by the Department of Environmental Conservation because PFOA has been found both east and south of the community. Some households have access to municipal water and bottled water will be supplied with the same process that took place in the other PFOA areas. Notice of the meeting went out today.

Hydrant flushing will be on October 9th and if your water is discolored, run cold water until it clears. Do not use your hot water.

There are currently four candidates continuing with their training at the Vermont Police Academy seeking Level III certification and we have identified three candidates for the February 2024 Level III Training. Two of the candidates are currently navigating through Level II training in preparation for working with Bennington Police Department training officers.

South Stream Road Speed Issues - We have reviewed the issues raised by several property owners along a stretch of the South Stream Road. Our initial response is to establish a 25-mph school zone at the former Beech Street School building which housed the Superintendent's Offices. It is now being used as a school building once again. We will continue to monitor the situation to determine if there are additional avenues we can explore.

River Walk Update - Work by municipal staff has begun and is moving forward at a good pace. Once again Town staff from multiple departments are working together to get this project done.

Municipal Banking Change - The Town of Bennington is changing its banking institution to TD Bank effective January 1, 2024. The memorandum by the Finance Director and the Treasurer outlines the process and the thinking. The local government banking officer is incredibly forthcoming but is not located in town at TD Bank, nor is the M&T officer located in town.

Benmont Avenue Burned Structure - I reached out to the Department of Environmental Conservation Deputy Commissioner John Smeltzer to get an understanding of the State's view of this particular property and how it may assist the Town in addressing the terrible conditions by tearing the building down. The flooding has delayed a response.

Benn High Petition Drive - It is essential that we understand the Benn High Project will provide housing and increase the available space for the Senior Center and Meals on Wheels 2 to 3 times what they have now. When we began the project 2 years ago there were assumptions that have been worked out in detail since. This is a very important project and we will endeavor to move forward with it with all funding sources updated to the public as we move on.

9. UPCOMING AGENDAS

October 9, 2023 - Skate Park Update

October 9, 2023 - Manager from the Agency of Human Resources

319 October 9, 2023 - Brush Fees at Transfer Station

320 **8. OTHER BUSINESS**

321 Mr. Carroll: The Bennington Community Market is under new management and encourages
322 everyone to visit the market.

323 Ms. Conner: Thanked LL Bean for bringing their vehicle to Bennington on Saturday and Sunday.
324 It was hilarious.

325 ***At 8:13pm, Jim Carroll moved and Jeanne Conner seconded the adjournment of the***
326 ***meeting. The motion carried with Sarah Perrin absent.***

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329 Respectfully submitted,

330 Nancy H. Lively

331 Secretary

10/04/23

Town of Bennington Accounts Payable

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Check Warrant Report # 10

By Vendor For Check Acct 01 Checks 331106 To 331201

Check Number	Vendor Company	Invoice Date	Invoice Number	Invoice Description	Amount Paid	Account Number
331108	*ANN JARECKIE	10/03/23	1725.32	Refund of Tax Credit	1,725.32	01-1200.000
331109	*JEWETT, JEFFREY L	09/25/23	09/25/23	Refund of Tax Credit	300.24	01-1200.000
331110	*LAURA WILKINSON	10/03/23	10/03/23	Reimburse Repairs	149.95	02-5100.485
331111	*TIMOTHY KINNEY AND NICOL	09/11/23	09/11/23	Excess Funds Tax Sale	414.76	01-2990.000
331112	ADAMS LOCK & SECURITY	09/18/23	60701	Kickplate @ Blacksmith	32.23	01-3710.220
		09/12/23	60659	(4) Keys/FD Cabinets	14.60	03-4570.220
				TOTAL CHECK	46.83	
331113	ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	09/07/23	2293	Battery Charger	563.35	02-5330.230
		10/02/23	10/02/23	Fleet Parts	-541.35	02-5330.230
					2,507.73	02-5330.220
				TOTAL CHECK	2,529.73	
331114	ALLIED AUTO PARTS OF BENN	09/25/23	09/25/23	Fleet Parts Acct# 3530	81.28	02-5330.220
		09/25/23	09/25/23-1	Fleet Parts Acct# 3535	351.57	02-5330.220
				TOTAL CHECK	432.85	
331115	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES,	09/15/23	13JTFG7HCMLCS	Signs & Back-up Batteries	216.11	41-5940.210
					40.99	41-5940.210
		09/26/23	1PLMNF3CMRLO	Office Supplies	380.59	01-4100.200
				TOTAL CHECK	637.69	
331116	ANTOGNIONI, ELIZABETH	10/03/23	10/03/23	20yr of Service Reimbursm	40.00	01-3000.159
331117	AT&T	09/12/23	09/12/23	911 Long Distance Line	61.19	01-4140.340
331118	AT&T MOBILITY	09/11/23	930X09192023	Water iPads	164.92	41-5900.340
		09/11/23	30X09192023	WW iPads	82.46	42-5400.340
		09/11/23	636X09192023	Cell Phones	591.82	01-4140.340
					53.14	01-3650.340
					44.15	01-4100.850
					44.15	01-3710.340
				TOTAL CHECK	980.64	
331119	ATG, LLC	09/15/23	X30106168201	Brake Chamber	181.20	02-5330.220
		09/27/23	X30106210801	Oil Kit & Fuel Filter	100.48	02-5330.220
		09/27/23	X30106210901	Elements & Fuel Filters	124.39	02-5330.220
		09/21/23	X30106188501	Front Leaf Springs 1-Side	1,128.92	02-5330.220
				TOTAL CHECK	1,534.99	
331120	BEARCOM	09/14/23	5615403	Repairs to Comm Channel	450.00	01-4140.680
331121	BENNINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF	09/19/23	324706	Main St Water Break	752.50	41-5940.560
331122	BENNINGTON POOL & HEARTH	09/16/23	131131	Stihl Chainsaw & Helmet	346.98	03-4580.230
		09/28/23	60454	Starter Rope Weedeater	7.21	02-5330.220

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331123	BENNINGTON TIRE CORPORATI	09/21/23	118013	Junk Tire Disposal	4.50	02-5120.560
331124	BERKSHIRE CONCRETE CORP.	09/28/23	103073	River Walk	1,359.00	01-7130.850
331125	BRENNTAG LUBRICANTS, LLC	09/27/23	BLN23-397671	Fluid Film	195.00	02-5330.210
331126	BUSINESS MACHINE & EQUIPM	09/26/23	AR124505	Postage Machine Ink	240.00	01-3700.200
331127	C. L. WHITE, INC.	09/14/23	58631	Wacker Window Repair	67.00	41-5920.680
331128	CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS, IN	09/18/23	740029	Trash	273.02	01-5430.560
		09/11/23	740005	Trash	228.03	42-5480.560
					78.36	02-5120.560
					97.08	01-5430.560
		09/11/23	740008	Trash - N. Benn	15.00	01-5430.560
		09/18/23	740032	Trash - N. Benn	30.00	01-5430.560
		09/11/23	740011	Trash - Mt Anthony	15.00	01-5430.560
		09/18/23	740034	Trash - Mt Anthony	50.00	01-5430.560
TOTAL CHECK					786.49	
331129	CINTAS	09/07/23	4166953256	Uniforms - WW	12.24	42-5400.190
		09/14/23	4167733723	Uniforms - WW	12.24	42-5400.190
		09/21/23	4168444610	Uniforms - WW	12.24	42-5400.190
		09/07/23	4166953251	Uniforms - Water	9.76	41-5900.190
		09/14/23	4167733677	Uniforms - Water	9.76	41-5900.190
		09/21/23	4168444723	Uniforms - Water	9.76	41-5900.190
		09/07/23	4166953260	Uniforms - Highway	233.58	02-5100.190
		09/14/23	4167733761	Uniforms - Hwy	233.58	02-5100.190
		09/21/23	4168444805	Uniforms - Hwy	233.58	02-5100.190
TOTAL CHECK					766.74	
331130	COEO SOLUTIONS, LLC	10/01/23	1102584	Cell Modems for PS	101.04	42-5400.340
331131	COMCAST	09/18/23	09/18/23	8773 50 030 0057681	373.95	03-4500.340
		09/23/23	09/23/23	8773 50 030 0171680	56.54	01-7900.340
TOTAL CHECK					430.49	
331201	CONSERVATION PROJECTS	09/20/23	536558	Mowing Former Landfill	875.00	01-5430.560
331132	CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIO	09/18/23	09/18/23	Phone Charges	354.38	01-7100.340
					220.94	41-5900.340
					939.89	01-3700.340
					419.64	42-5400.340
					561.97	02-5100.340
					557.09	01-4100.340
					360.38	41-5980.340
					588.46	03-4500.340
					360.60	01-7900.340

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TOTAL CHECK					4,363.35	
331133	CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIO	09/18/23	09/18/23-1	Phone Charges	40.33	42-5400.340
					163.15	02-5100.340
					-2.16	01-7100.340
					8.79	01-7900.340
					120.96	01-3700.340
					861.02	01-4100.340
					-11.98	41-5980.340
					119.29	03-4500.340
TOTAL CHECK					1,299.40	
331134	COTT SYSTEMS INC	10/01/23	155627	Monthly Subscription	210.00	01-3500.560
331135	CRAE PRINTING & MAILING	09/18/23	CA0917023P	Envelopes	105.00	01-4100.200
		08/15/23	EMB0815023P	Shirt Embroidery	100.00	01-4100.190
TOTAL CHECK					205.00	
331136	CS ONE BENEFIT SOLUTIONS	10/01/23	18104-853889	Sept New Hire & Cobra	47.00	01-3700.560
					13.05	01-3700.560
TOTAL CHECK					60.05	
331137	CURTIS LUMBER COMPANY, IN	09/22/23	2309-032908	Lighting @ River Walk	1,070.25	01-7130.850
		09/27/23	2309-054695	Sonotube - River Walk	978.57	01-7180.680
		09/20/23	2309-021277	Poles for Ninja Bridge	1,939.97	01-7130.680
TOTAL CHECK					3,988.79	
331138	DE LAGE LANDEN	09/18/23	80962318	Copier Lease	240.00	01-4100.650
331139	DOUCETTE, PAUL J. JR	09/21/23	09/21/23	Hale Mtn Membership Reimb	125.00	01-4130.400
331140	ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION I	09/25/23	2316-	Main St PRV Scada	5,504.00	41-0870.000
331141	ENDYNE, INC.	09/19/23	462940	WW Analysis	296.00	42-5480.560
		09/20/23	463107	Walloomsac River Sampling	186.00	42-5480.560
		09/20/23	463106	Appendix A Sludge List	1,630.00	42-5480.560
		10/03/23	465175	Benn WW Analysis	296.00	42-5480.560
		09/20/23	463108	Colilert	120.00	41-5980.560
		09/27/23	463865	Colilert	40.00	41-5980.560
TOTAL CHECK					2,568.00	
331142	F.W. WEBB COMPANY	09/21/23	82448224	Supplies	7.87	41-5940.210
		09/21/23	82442582	Ninja Bridge Materials	628.54	01-7130.680
		09/18/23	82395309	Black Steel Tubes	20.71	02-5330.220
		09/07/23	82145643	2 1/2" Cam	41.74	02-5330.220
		09/27/23	82532889	Water Filter	16.48	41-5940.210
		09/26/23	82504320	Gripper PLG	25.30	42-5480.220
TOTAL CHECK					740.64	
331143	FASTENAL COMPANY	09/19/23	VTBEN70657	Concrete Anchors	513.32	01-7130.850

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331144	FERGUSON WATERWORKS #576	09/15/23	1182546	Water Main Parts	138.82	41-5940.210
331145	GRAINGER	09/18/23	9841636831	Eye Wash	12.21	42-5480.210
		09/21/23	9845923441	Confined Space Signs	229.60	42-5400.670
				TOTAL CHECK	241.81	
331146	GRANITE CITY ELECTRIC SUP	09/20/23	9423738.001	River Walkway Conduit	79.97	01-7130.850
331147	GREEN MOUNTAIN POWER CORP	09/29/23	09/29/23	Electric	4,856.22	01-7170.760
					1,459.57	01-4170.760
					-10,223.83	01-1107.000
					2,511.49	41-5980.760
					1,546.92	01-7970.760
					1,484.09	03-4570.760
					977.23	01-3710.760
					4,319.83	41-5910.760
		09/28/23	09/28/23	Electric	387.40	42-5480.760
					188.94	41-5980.760
					506.41	41-5910.760
		09/29/23	09/29/23-1	Electric	-17,328.61	01-1106.000
					238.76	02-5130.760
					2,973.07	02-5170.760
					111.64	02-5280.760
					16,710.60	42-5480.760
		09/28/23	09/28/23-1	Electric - Benn Hi	651.43	01-7800.760
		09/28/23	09/28/23-2	Electric	387.40	42-5480.760
					188.94	41-5980.760
					506.41	41-5910.760
		09/28/23	09/28/23-3	Electric	9,691.23	02-5280.760
					531.83	02-5130.760
					67.22	02-5170.760
		09/28/23	09/28/23-4	Electric	132.97	01-3710.760
					180.30	01-7170.760
					54.43	01-3720.760
					288.32	40-4420.760
					409.02	01-7160.760
				TOTAL CHECK	23,809.23	
331148	H L FUEL CO., INC.	09/22/23	1705066	273826 - Blacksmith	314.84	01-3710.770
		09/29/23	1705535	273831 - WTP	132.23	41-5980.770
				TOTAL CHECK	447.07	
331149	H L PROPANE CO. INC.	09/22/23	1705044	4527 - Rec Ctr	1,238.07	01-7170.770
		09/28/23	1705407	6198 - Monument Ave PS	11.69	41-5910.770
		09/29/23	1705512	4527 - Rec Ctr	648.87	01-7170.770
				TOTAL CHECK	1,898.63	
331150	HACH COMPANY	09/27/23	13756169	Chlorine	372.25	41-5980.210
331151	HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICE	09/18/23	1010304	Supplies	75.95	41-5940.210

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		09/21/23	8524711	Quickrete	39.86	42-5480.210
		09/20/23	9010523	Spade Shovels	227.88	02-5120.230
		09/18/23	1610755	Ninja Bridge Materials	612.38	01-7130.680
		09/20/23	9010468	Ninja Bridge Materials	18.06	01-7130.680
		09/21/23	8010659	Ninja Bridge Materials	130.27	01-7130.680
		09/29/23	11523	Ninja Bridge Materials	265.07	01-7130.680
		09/26/23	3011179-1	Ninja Bridge Materials	159.86	01-7130.680
		09/29/23	90141	Misc Materials	15.98	01-7970.220
		09/29/23	620136	Materials/Trashcan	214.39	01-7160.220
		09/27/23	2020431	Drill Bits Hammer Drill	25.11	02-5330.210
		09/27/23	2520008	Anti-Freeze	32.66	02-5330.210
				TOTAL CHECK	1,817.47	
331152	IDEXX DISTRIBUTION, INC.	09/25/23	3137498239	Coliform Supplies	765.33	42-5480.210
331153	INKSPOT PRESS	09/06/23	15423	TOB Envelopes	300.81	01-3700.200
331154	JONAH L. SPIVAK	09/26/23	09/26/23	Lodging & Mileage-Meeting	153.27	01-3650.741
					48.00	01-3650.743
				TOTAL CHECK	201.27	
331155	JOSEPH BROWN SMALL ENGINE	09/19/23	10208	Maintenance Kit&Fuel Hose	130.66	02-5330.220
331156	JOYCE SILVESTRO	10/03/23	10/03/23	Mileage September	19.65	01-3440.741
331157	LAWSON PRODUCTS INC	09/07/23	9310903161	Crimping Tool	312.64	02-5330.230
		09/07/23	9497789	Fitting & Weatherpacks	212.45	02-5330.210
				TOTAL CHECK	525.09	
331158	LIVELY, NANCY	09/25/23	092523	SB Meeting Minutes	283.50	01-3700.560
331159	MADIGAN LIME CORPORATION	09/12/23	87542	Bulk Hydrate	7,576.88	41-5980.210
331160	MARUSI & SON EQUIPMENT CO	09/22/23	14784	Air Fitting Lime Silo	30.11	41-5980.680
					75.87	41-5980.680
				TOTAL CHECK	105.98	
331161	MICHAEL J BAKER	10/02/23	10/02/23	September Park Services	238.00	01-7160.560
331162	MORSE REPAIR INC.	09/12/23	46377	Tire Tube (Trailer)	90.00	02-5330.680
		09/14/23	46389	Tire Tube (#318)	90.00	02-5330.220
				TOTAL CHECK	180.00	
331163	MSK ENGINEERING & DESIGN,	08/15/23	16085	Ninja Path Inv #69	6,087.80	01-7130.440
		09/25/23	16200	Village Cemetary Survey	2,150.00	01-5520.560
				TOTAL CHECK	8,237.80	
331164	MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERVI	09/15/23	IN1934614	Fit Test Service	888.00	03-4500.560
		09/15/23	IN1934618	SCBA Flow Test	1,264.50	03-4580.220
				TOTAL CHECK	2,152.50	
331165	NEWPORT GROUP, INC.	09/21/23	N39557801	GASB 75 Actuarial OPEB	5,000.00	01-3700.610

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331166	NORTH BENNINGTON HYDROELE	10/03/23	10/03/23	Hydro	9,814.88	01-1107.000
331167	NORTHEAST MUNICIPAL LLC	09/19/23	8865	Cordless Impact Driver	269.00	42-5480.230
		09/19/23	8862	White Hard Hats	93.00	02-5100.670
		09/23/23	8904	Helmets & Chain Oil	520.00	02-5100.670
					168.00	02-5330.210
				TOTAL CHECK	1,050.00	
331168	O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE, INC.	07/15/23	5684-127373	Oil Filter & Oil	27.34	02-5330.220
		08/15/23	5684-127378	Return	-27.34	02-5330.220
		09/29/23	5684-143322	Wiper Blades	72.18	01-4180.680
				TOTAL CHECK	72.18	
331169	OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY	09/18/23	100401315950	Maint. Contract	407.09	03-4570.680
		09/18/23	100401315643	Service Contract-Sr. Ctr	682.32	01-7970.560
				TOTAL CHECK	1,089.41	
331170	PECKHAM INDUSTRIES, INC.	09/23/23	1060157	Water Break Main St	1,667.40	41-5940.210
		09/23/23	1060157-1	River Walk Way-Blacktop	5,014.80	01-7130.850
				TOTAL CHECK	6,682.20	
331171	PERMA-LINE CORP OF NEW EN	09/21/23	200774	Replacement St Signs	626.80	02-5130.560
		09/21/23	200773	School Zone Sign	2,297.70	02-5130.560
		09/21/23	200779	River Walk Way-Signs	2,597.05	01-7130.850
		09/26/23	200860	River Walk Way	246.80	01-7130.850
				TOTAL CHECK	5,768.35	
331172	PETE'S TIRE BARNs, INC.	09/21/23	63344	Truck Tube	70.00	02-5330.220
331173	PLAY BY DESIGN, LLC	09/25/23	09/25/23	Willow Park Playground	9,264.98	01-9561.850
		08/10/23	08/10/23	Playground Signs	3,461.00	01-9561.850
				TOTAL CHECK	12,725.98	
331174	POSTMASTER BENNINGTON	09/28/23	09/28/23	1st Class Presort-Pmt#15	310.00	01-3700.360
331175	PRUE ELECTRIC	09/24/23	1584	River Walk Lighting	3,332.00	01-7130.850
		09/24/23	1585	Grant/Main St-Ground Box	400.00	02-5120.560
		09/24/23	1587	Fire Alarm Trouble WWTP	70.00	42-5480.680
				TOTAL CHECK	3,802.00	
331176	REED TRUCK SERVICES, INC.	09/15/23	23082	Brake Parts for CV	2,140.09	02-5330.220
		09/28/23	23190	Diaphragm Chamber	58.63	02-5330.220
		09/23/23	CM23082	Core Cylinder Return	-300.00	02-5330.220
		09/23/23	CM21699	Core Return	-59.00	02-5330.220
				TOTAL CHECK	1,839.72	
331177	REPEAT BUSINESS SYSTEMS,	09/21/23	935515	Staples - Upstairs Copier	84.14	01-3700.200
		10/02/23	938206	Qtrly Copier Maint.	129.44	01-3700.650
					181.80	01-3700.650

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					315.75	01-3700.650
					33.13	01-4100.560
					36.78	01-4100.560
					313.23	03-4500.680
					531.19	01-3700.650
					35.51	01-7900.650
					256.46	02-5100.650
					142.26	01-4100.650
				TOTAL CHECK	2,059.69	
331178	RHOMAR INDUSTRIES INC	08/14/23	104484	Asphalt Remover	2,799.20	02-5330.210
331179	RHR SMITH & COMPANY	09/22/23	2023-2312	FY23 Financial Audit	500.00	42-5400.610
					5,000.00	01-3700.610
				TOTAL CHECK	5,500.00	
331180	RICHCO PRODUCTS, INC.	09/22/23	167614	Polyliners/Towel Dispense	589.08	01-7160.210
331181	ROY PLUMBING & HEATING, I	09/13/23	47009	Bowen Rd Urinal Repair	291.02	02-5170.560
331182	SECURSHRED	09/20/23	436214	Shredding	22.00	01-4100.560
		09/20/23	436367	Shredding	22.00	01-3700.560
				TOTAL CHECK	44.00	
331183	SKYWORKS, LLC	09/22/23	1920178	Manlift Rental	3,033.93	41-5920.660
331184	SOUTHWESTERN VT HEALTH CA	09/03/23	09/03/23	Pre-Placement Physical	345.00	02-5100.560
		09/03/23	09/03/23-BPD(2)	Preplacement Physicals	345.00	01-4100.560
					345.00	01-4100.560
				TOTAL CHECK	1,035.00	
331185	SOUTHWORTH-MILTON INCORPO	09/12/23	SCINV749035	Service OLF	1,706.00	02-5330.680
331186	STAPLES BUSINESS CREDIT	09/29/23	737858401501	Office Supplies	105.21	42-5400.200
		09/25/23	761573992201	Office Supplies	236.02	01-4100.200
				TOTAL CHECK	341.23	
331187	SURPASS CHEMICAL COMPANY	09/28/23	381087	Sodium Hypochlorite	482.88	41-5980.210
		09/28/23	381086	Sodium Hypochlorite	1,296.73	41-5980.210
		09/28/23	381085	Sodium Hypochlorite	3,223.34	42-5480.210
				TOTAL CHECK	5,002.95	
331188	TI-SALES, INC.	09/29/23	INV0162643	(1) 1.5" Mach-New B.K.	919.84	41-5920.790
331189	TRACTOR SUPPLY CREDIT PLA	09/21/23	79540	Supplies	3.79	41-5940.210
		09/29/23	743351	Uniform Pants	79.97	41-5900.190
		09/30/23	82194	Uniform Pants	49.99	41-5900.190
		09/27/23	81285	River Walk	39.98	01-7130.850
				TOTAL CHECK	173.73	
331190	TRI-COUNTY CONTRACTOR'S S	09/18/23	39833	Air Dryer	324.25	02-5330.220

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		09/22/23	39941	Air Dryer	453.30	02-5330.220
				TOTAL CHECK	777.55	
331191	TURCOTTE DESIGN	09/22/23	8091	Speed Trailer Graphics	195.00	01-4180.830
331192	U.S. BANK	09/28/23	09/28/23	VMBBBEN17 - Debra Rucker	-3,567.07	03-4580.900
					53,353.00	03-4580.900
					10,010.02	03-4580.910
					160,000.00	02-5170.900
					38,912.00	02-5170.910
				TOTAL CHECK	258,707.95	
Pre-Paid						
331106	UPS	06/10/23	Y98Y39233	Shipping	31.04	01-3500.560
331193	VERIZON WIRELESS	10/15/23	9945188910	Broadband Servie	200.05	01-4140.340
331194	VERMONT STATE TREASURER'S	10/03/23	10/03/23	3rd Qtr Marriages	3,185.00	01-2119.000
331195	W.B. MASON CO., INC.	09/13/23	241091261	Garbage Bags	761.90	02-5170.210
		09/11/23	241023008	Bathroom Supplies	798.06	02-5170.210
				TOTAL CHECK	1,559.96	
331196	WASSICK'S TIRE SERVICE	09/19/23	15601	Trk# 108 New Tires	1,300.00	41-5920.680
331197	WELLS FARGO VENDOR FINANC	09/18/23	5026759992	Copier Lease	225.00	01-3700.650
		09/23/23	5026843519	Copier Lease	104.00	01-3700.650
				TOTAL CHECK	329.00	
331198	WHITMAN'S FEED STORE	09/25/23	190584	Sodium Bicarb	52.56	01-7150.210
331199	WINDHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S	09/21/23	34348	Traffic Control - Main St	772.50	41-5940.560
331200	ZEP SALES AND SERVICE	09/13/23	9008972175	Dyna Wash,Filters&Bags	826.54	02-5170.210

Report Total					424,233.95	
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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 \$ *** 423,819.19 Let this be your order for the payments of these amounts.

MEMORANDUM

To: Select Board

From: Stuart A. Hurd, Town Manager

Re: Brush fees at Transfer station

Date: October 3, 2023

Following up on last meeting's discussion, I researched four Solid Waste Districts and the Town of Pownal for fees charged for brush delivered to the sites.

Chittenden Solid Waste District accepts brush in various sized loads and charges no fee. The sites are at two different locations. Unfortunately, no information is readily available on why it doesn't charge and what it does with the material.

Addison County, Rutland County, and Windham County Solid Waste Districts all charge for brush.

Addison County charges \$6.00 per load for all customers. For loads larger than a ½ ton pickup truck, it charges \$60/ton.

Rutland County charges all customers \$60/ton regardless of size.

Windham County charges all customers by weight with a minimum \$10 charge at \$100/ton.

The Town of Pownal charges all customers \$1.00 per load for small loads; \$2.00 per load for pickup loads or larger (if I read the fee schedule properly).

Given this information, I believe the Town of Bennington should charge a fee to all customers, except the very small loads as I outlined in my last memorandum (two 30 gal bags).

I now recommend a charge of \$5.00 per load for residential customers and \$60/ton or a flat fee of \$50.00 for commercial loads. In this way, our Transfer Station is in line with others of our size. I suggest an effective date of October 30, 2023.

I have been asked if the Town should purchase a chipper and chip the brush that is delivered. The Town had a chipper and did just that for years. Unfortunately, the larger material can't be put through a chipper, so it had to be separated and handled differently. We contract with a company that provides a tub grinder so that all material can be handled at one time. It saves on personnel time as well and as the cost to operate and maintain a commercial grade chipper.

MEMORANDUM

To: Bennington Select Board

From: Shannon Barsotti, Community Development Director

Date: October 3, 2023

Re: Municipal Resolution for Community Partnership for Neighborhood Development grant

Town staff are preparing an application for the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development's Community Partnership for Neighborhood Development grant. The Community Partnership for Neighborhood Development Program is a competitive grant reimbursement program available to Vermont municipalities. The Program supports investments in the development of inclusive, smart-growth neighborhoods by funding municipal planning, site control, design, scoping, and surveying for the development of transformative projects. The Town's application will be for predevelopment work on the Benn High project. If awarded, funds would be granted to the Town and then sub granted to Hale Resources for predevelopment work, such as construction design fees.

A Municipal Resolution signed by the Bennington Select Board is required for the grant application and is attached.

MUNICIPAL RESOLUTION
TOWN of BENNINGTON

A Resolution authorizing that Stuart Hurd, Bennington Town Manager, is empowered to act on behalf of the Town of Bennington as the Authorized Official.

Resolved by the Select Board of the Town of Bennington as follows:

WHEREAS the Town of Bennington may be awarded funds from the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development's Community Partnership for Neighborhood Development grant program;

NOW THEREFORE, the Bennington Town Manager, Stuart Hurd, is hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town of Bennington, to apply for, accept, and expend grant funds from the Agency of Commerce and Community Development. The named authorized official has permission to sign all ACCD investment documents that bind the applicant.

Jeannie Jenkins, Chair, Bennington Select Board

Authorized to act on behalf of the Bennington Select Board

Passed and approved this 9th day of October 2023.

MANAGER'S REPORT
October 9, 2023

ACTION

PFAS Found In Bennington – New Areas PFAS have been found in residential wells in the South Shire neighborhood, Stonehenge Drive in Jefferson Heights, and on Hickory Hill east of Town. There are 100% reimbursable funds available to treat emerging contaminants which may be available to the Town to help us explore getting municipal water to these neighborhoods.

Action requested Motion to pursue funds as soon as possible.

INFORMATIONAL

Municipal Energy Resilience Project (MERP) Funding The Town has been approved to participate in the MERP for the buildings on the attached award notice. This will include the feasibility of using geothermal energy at the Rec Center.

Petition on Sale of 124 Pleasant Street Building The petitioners were successful garnering 509 signatures on the petition. The law provides that the Town must now hold a special election or place the question on the Annual Meeting ballot. I would recommend placing the question on the Town Meeting ballot. It is important to note that the Benn High project will proceed regardless and that a new Senior Center and Meals Program will be created at Benn High.

Compost at Transfer Station The fee for disposal was eliminated effective October 1, 2023. The amount of money generated by the fee (\$1.25/gal) last year was \$2,759.50. This amounts to 2208 gallons of compost delivered to the site. The Town will now bear that cost. The compost is mixed with leaves and some woodchips and used at Casella's compost site.

There have been other questions regarding the Casella composting operation and the Town's composting operation. Both use some of the wood chips at the Transfer Station. The Town may use the greater share to compost its sewage sludges. This compost product is then mixed in as a topsoil additive. Casella's project is an open-air compost facility operating on Town lands beyond the Transfer Station. It composts food waste from institutional and commercial organizations to create a commercial product. It is entirely separate from the Town.

FOLLOW UP

The Y's Summer Camp This year the Y entertained 940 children between June and August at its summer camps. Of those, 862 were Bennington residents eligible for the scholarship program funded by the Town. Cost to the Town: \$24,998.00; Amount budgeted: \$27,000.00.

The Community Development and Permitting/Planning Reports are attached.

Stuart Hurd

From: Stuart Hurd
Sent: Tuesday, October 3, 2023 9:53 AM
To: Stuart Hurd
Subject: FW: MERP Assessment Application Update: Bennington

From: BGS - MERP <BGS.MERP@vermont.gov>
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2023 3:54 PM
To: Paul Dansereau <PDansereau@benningtonvt.org>
Cc: Callie Fishburn <cfishburn@bcrcvt.org>; Samantha Page <spage@bcrcvt.org>
Subject: MERP Assessment Application Update: Bennington



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Bennington (Town)

Town Office, 205 South Street PO Box 469, Bennington, Vermont, 05201

Dear Paul T. Dansereau,

Congratulations! Your application for an energy resilience assessment through the Municipal Energy Resilience Project (MERP) has been approved for the following buildings:

Building	Address	Square Feet	Assessment Type
Dept Public Works	78 Bowen Road, Bennington, Vermont, 05201	43674	Level 1 Energy Resilience Assessment
Town Office	205 South Street	6394	Level 1 Energy Resilience Assessment
Town of Bennington Recreation Center	655 Gage Street	23086	Level 1 Energy Resilience Assessment
Bennington Fire Station	130 River Street	26565	Level 1 Energy Resilience Assessment
Police Station	118 South Street	9770	Level 1 Energy Resilience Assessment

Please expect to be contacted by your Regional Planning Commission soon to schedule with your assigned assessment vendor.

Your application listed the physical address, approximate square footage, and assessment type above for each building to be assessed. If any of this information is incorrect, please notify your Regional Planning Commission contact so your assessment vendor can plan accordingly.

If you still have building documents yet to be uploaded to the folder that was shared with you when you applied, please connect with your RPC contact (cc'd here) to upload these documents.

Applications for MERP implementation grants are expected to open this fall and should be submitted as promptly as possible after receiving your assessment data.

Thank you for contributing to Vermont's energy resilience.

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Shannon Barsotti

Recreation:

YMCA program planning:

The Bennington Community Center (Rec Center) pool schedule and programs for adults and youth are updated regularly on the Rec Center Facebook page and town's website. Sign ups for fall youth sports, after school programs, and adult fitness classes are underway now. The Y is seeing steady growth in memberships as well as more participation from seniors in exercise classes and social programs.

Walloomsac Riverwalk Improvement Project:

The Town received a \$200,000 Downtown Transportation Fund grant for improvements along the Riverwalk, which include widening the pathway and adding lighting. The improvements to the Riverwalk will also include a connection to the new Rail Trail and the work on the pathway is underway now by the Town's Highway Department.

Vermont Begins Here:

Eight Oh Two Marketing is continuing the digital marketing campaign to promote Bennington to tourists. The VBH blog post for October promoted the fall edition of the Southern Vermont Homebrew Festival, the BBC's Harvest Fest, and events at the Bennington Museum and the Bennington Theater.

Bennington Fair Food Initiative:

The Bennington Fair Food Initiative, including the Bennington Community Market, Southwest Tech, Bennington College, and the Vermont Veteran's Home, was funded with a 2.2 million earmark in the government spending bill that passed at the end of 2022 (nominated by Senator Peter Welch). The funds will be administered through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and will flow through the Town of Bennington to subgrantees similar to the process of Community Development block grants. I have received the grant agreement from HUD and am working through the program budget and planning with program partners. The goals of the initiative are connecting partners in the local food system and growing jobs in the food sector.

Community Development Block Grants:

The Vermont Community Development program awarded a grant of \$386,190 to the Town of Bennington to support the Hale Resources affordable housing development at Benn High. Shires Housing has also received VCDP funding through the Town for two recovery housing projects on North Street and Gage Street. I submit paperwork required for each grant agreement and subgrant agreement along with progress reports on the projects. At the end of the year, I also submit financial reports to the state of Vermont on past HUD loans that have been granted to the Town or sub-grantees.

Benn Hi Redevelopment:

I am on the team with other town staff, and we are meeting weekly to plan the redevelopment of Benn High. I am working closely with Hale Resources, the developer of the overall project, and am researching grants to help support the redevelopment. My application for Congressionally Directed Spending for the Benn High redevelopment was nominated for \$1 million from Representative Becca Balint's office. I am also pursuing a Community Partnership for Neighborhood Development grant from the Agency of

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Shannon Barsotti

Commerce and Community Development to help cover some of the predevelopment costs for the Benn High project. This past month Zak Hale and I met with the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board at their meeting in Randolph and the board awarded \$2,006,614 to the Benn High project for affordable housing. We also participated in a Benn High site visit with state funders of the redevelopment project, and we met with UVM Extension to discuss their space at Benn High and their candidates for a Bennington community development position.

Health Impact Assessment of the Benn Hi Redevelopment

Zak Hale and I worked with Rory Price and Megan Herrington from the Vermont Department of Health on their Health Impact Assessment of the Benn Hi redevelopment. The assessment process included the collection and analysis of secondary data, as well as community engagement efforts to gather qualitative information about the health needs of the community and the potential impact of the redevelopment. The completed assessment is on the Town's website (under Benn Hi Redevelopment) and the Health Department presented its findings at the September 11th Select Board meeting.

Housing Committee:

Zak Hale has organized a regular meeting of various professionals working to improve the housing crisis in Bennington, including representatives from BCRC, the Town, the Health Department, Bennington County Coalition for the Homeless, Neighborworks, Bennington Housing Authority, Shires Housing, Maple Leaf Realty, and the Sheriff's department.

Housing Crisis Team/Project Alliance:

I have been meeting with the Housing Crisis Team that grew out of Project Alliance and is addressing the end of the motel voucher program. The team met to discuss options to create more immediate housing, such as converting a motel into longer term housing with social services embedded on site.

Skatepark Committee:

Dan Monks and I are meeting regularly with a new skatepark committee to discuss the design, funding, and timeline for a downtown skatepark.

VLCT Town Fair:

I attended the Vermont League of Cities and Towns Town Fair in Burlington as the Bennington delegate. Their workshop on Community Engagement for Economic Development was excellent.

Town Welcome Signs:

I worked with Jonah Spivak and Michael McDonough on a redesign of the Town's welcome signs that are at each entrance to town. The new signs will be installed soon to replace the weathered signs that are currently up.

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Community Outreach:

In the past month, I have met with the Benn Hi Redevelopment team, Hale Resources, Vermont Council on Rural Development, Vermont Housing and Conservation Board, Bennington Community Market, Vermont Department of Health, Bennington College's CAPA program, Bennington Housing Committee, Better Bennington Corporation, Eight Oh Two Marketing, Bennington Banner, SVHC VISTA Volunteer, UVM Extension, and the Skatepark Committee.

**Summary of Building Permits Issued
September 2023**

Construction Type	Month to date	Month to Date Volume	Year to date	Year to Date Volume
	Permit Totals		Permit Totals	
Single Family Dwelling	1	\$190,000.00	4	\$940,000.00
Duplex	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Mobile Homes	0	\$0.00	4	\$271,818.00
Apartments	1	\$15,000.00	2	\$90,000.00
Apartment Renovations	2	\$315,000.00	14	\$2,195,752.00
Condominiums	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Residential Renovations	1	\$20,000.00	17	\$650,560.00
Residential Additions	0	\$0.00	1	\$80,000.00
Commercial Construction	0	\$0.00	6	\$3,212,509.00
Commercial Renovations	2	\$6,700.00	24	\$1,858,256.00
Industrial Construction	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Industrial Renovations	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Garages	0	\$0.00	9	\$317,960.00
Sheds	1	\$4,500.00	18	\$112,164.00
Decks / Porch	5	\$26,450.00	24	\$202,668.85
Institutions	1	\$1,000,000.00	1	\$1,000,000.00
Signs	2	\$4,100.00	15	\$45,218.00
Use & Zoning	0	\$0.00	9	\$31,154,689.00
Subdivision	0	\$0.00	6	\$0.00
Home Occupation	0	\$0.00	1	\$50.00
Propane Tank/Storage Tank	0	\$0.00	1	\$320,000.00
Boilers/Furnaces/RTU's, A/C	0	\$0.00	1	\$185,000.00
Tents	1	\$2,000.00	9	\$27,733.00
Handicap Access/Ramps	0	\$0.00	2	\$9,178.00
Concreate Slabs	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Cell Towers/Communications	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Solar Installations	2	\$64,195.80	16	\$780,268.00
Camps	0	\$0.00	1	\$20,000.00
Withdrawn	0	\$0.00	3	\$0.00
Demolition	6	\$0.00	29	\$0.00
Fire Supression	1	\$0.00	5	\$0.00
Sprinkler System	2	\$0.00	3	\$0.00
Exhaust Hood	2	\$0.00	4	\$0.00
Fire Alarm	0	\$0.00	1	\$0.00
Total	30	\$1,647,945.80	230	\$43,473,823.85

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

Month	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
January	12	11	5	8	15	10	5	6	5	11	15	16
February	7	6	7	15	8	5	7	5	8	9	10	12
March	31	13	12	10	14	19	11	13	9	19	22	18
April	31	18	22	27	14	15	15	23	11	29	33	24
May	27	38	20	23	19	27	23	24	19	23	29	36
June	32	20	19	21	19	10	14	12	25	16	21	35
July	24	33	29	47	16	29	30	28	12	16	20	35
August	30	21	29	20	18	25	25	16	27	16	28	25
September	21	32	27	22	21	21	23	26	9	14	23	30
October	38	30	21	28	9	19	20	20	17	29	17	
November	10	16	11	12	8	16	11	8	15	19	19	
December	18	18	7	10	5	8	11	11	5	10	12	
Total	281	256	209	243	166	204	195	192	162	211	249	

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Detailed Permit Report

Permit types included: Building

Approval status included: Granted

Occupancy status included: Any status

Decision dates included: Between 09/01/2023 and 09/30/2023

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50552200	23-126	SW VT UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Goldstone Architecture (Jack Byer) 128 PARK ST Renovation/Addition To Existing Elementary School For Elevator (544 Sq-Ft)	Building C.O. Pending	Granted 09/07/2023	243.60 1,000,000.00
53502900	23-144	GREENSLET DAVID K & REBECCA L Freedom Forever - Matthew Markham 626 BURGESS RD Install Rooftop Solar	Building C.O. Granted	Granted 09/05/2023 09/28/2023	25.00 30,152.00
35501500	23-153	MSR HOLDINGS LLC Town of Bennington 25 MORSE RD Repair/Rebuild Temporary Ninja Trail Wood Bridge	Building C.O. Pending	Granted 09/15/2023	0.00 8,000.00
47501300	23-156	SILVER MIRIAM Team Sunshine - Kevin Green 695 DERMODY RD Install Solar PV System	Building C.O. Pending	Granted 09/05/2023	25.00 34,043.80
49533300	23-157	WILKINSON KATHLEEN S Kathleen Wilkinson 320 ELM ST Construct A 8x10 Porch	Building C.O. Pending	Granted 09/11/2023	35.00 8,500.00
50542000	23-158	319 PLEASANT STREET LLC 319 Pleasant Street LLC 319 PLEASANT ST Do Interior & Exterior Renovations (1,900 Sq-Ft),	Building C.O. Pending	Granted 09/25/2023	367.00 300,000.00
45011300	23-159	KRAWCZYK DENNIS & MARY E Adam & Jennifer Krawczyk 227 CHAPEL RD Construct/Install A 324 Sq-Ft Accessory Dwelling Unit	Building C.O. Pending	Granted 09/11/2023	35.00 15,000.00
50532800	23-160	WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY Ammie Beauchamp 105 107 SPRING ST Rebuild Front Landing & Stairs	Building C.O. Pending	Granted 09/12/2023	100.00 5,250.00
51543700	23-161	748 MAIN STREET LLC 748 Main Street LLC 748 MAIN ST Interior Renovation (407 Sq-Ft)	Building C.O. Pending	Granted 09/13/2023	81.40 2,000.00

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56516800	23-162	ROY RICHARD J & MARYBETH Richard & Marybeth Roy 214 PROSPECT ST Interior Remodel & Install New Windows/Roof	Building C.O. Pending	Granted 09/13/2023	25.00 20,000.00
36501200	23-163	STORE MASTER FUNDING VI LLC Boss Contractors, Inc (John Gavin) 207 NORTHSIDE DR Repairs To Existing Exterior Column	Building C.O. Granted	Granted 09/14/2023 09/18/2023	50.00 4,700.00
22500401	23-164	BENNINGTON COLLEGE CORP Rain or Shine Tent Company- Sarah Dupras 1 COLLEGE DR Install Two 30x40 Fred's Frame Temporary Tents	Building C.O. Not required (09/29-10/01)	Granted 09/20/2023	35.00 2,000.00
50521500	23-165	JONES GARY M & BRENDA L Gary & Brenda Jones 219 NORTH ST Interior Renovations/Change Of Use (Convert Part Of	Building C.O. Pending Office Space Into 2 Additional Dwelling Units)	Granted 09/21/2023	75.78 15,000.00
44502500	23-166	COOPERMAN DAVID Michael Warren 203 -209 BENMONT AV Replace 7 Out Of 8 Existing Outdoor Steps	Building C.O. Pending	Granted 09/20/2023	50.00 2,200.00
46501500	23-167	DEE THOMAS A & RITA S Thomas & Rita Dee 50 DERMODY RD Construct A 16x12 Livestock Shed	Building C.O. Pending	Granted 09/25/2023	45.00 4,500.00
52502500	23-171	RAETZ TERRY & TRACY Bennington County Habitat - Don Jackson 104 FRANK ST Demo Existing Back Deck (10x11)/Front Steps (6x8) &	Building C.O. Pending	Granted 09/29/2023	25.00 2,500.00
56542011	23-172	BENNINGTON AREA HABITAT FOR Bennington County Habitat - Don Jackson 5 GREENVIEW DR Construct A Single-Family Dwelling (4-Bed/3-Bath,	Building C.O. Pending 1,560 Sq-Ft)	Granted 09/29/2023	272.50 190,000.00

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Permit types included: Local/Custom

Approval status included: Granted

Occupancy status included: Any status

Decision dates included: Between 09/01/2023 and 09/30/2023

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50542000	2023	319 PLEASANT STREET LLC 319 PLEASANT STREET LLC 319 PLEASANT ST Demo Rotting Shed In Rear Of Building	Local/Custom C.O. Not required	Granted 09/12/2023	25.00
58521000	2023	CHURCH BRUCE E CHURCH BRUCE E 115 GORE RD Removal Of Shed (Tree Fell On It)	Local/Custom C.O. Not required	Granted 09/18/2023	0.00
36500700	2023	HDC2 REALTY BENNINGTON LLC HDC2 REALTY BENNINGTON LLC 219 NORTHSIDE DR Demo Existing Bowling Alley (17,300 Sq-Ft), Barn	Local/Custom C.O. Not required	Granted 09/28/2023	125.00
36500800	2023	HDC2 REALTY BENNINGTON LLC HDC2 REALTY BENNINGTON LLC 217 NORTHSIDE DR Demo Existing Dairy Bar (1,763 Sq-Ft)	Local/Custom C.O. Not required	Granted 09/28/2023	50.00
36501137	2023	SHIRES HOUSING INC SHIRES HOUSING INC 37 EMMA ST Demo Existing Mobile Home	Local/Custom C.O. Not required	Granted 09/28/2023	25.00
58521903	2023	USETED KRISTIN S Joseph & Kristin Useted 253 GORE RD Garage Destroyed By Heavy Snow/Rain & Wind.	Local/Custom C.O. Not required	Granted 09/12/2023	0.00

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Permit types included: Sign

Approval status included: Granted

Occupancy status included: Any status

Decision dates included: Between 09/01/2023 and 09/30/2023

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50570601	S23-014	BENNINGTON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL William Drunsic 103 105 SOUTH ST Union South - 3 hanging signs, 4 window signs, 4 door	Sign C.O. Not required	Granted 09/12/2023	102.50 4,000.00
51543700	S23-015	748 MAIN STREET LLC 748 MAIN STREET LLC 748 MAIN ST The Salon At Bradford Common	Sign C.O. Not required	Granted 09/12/2023	40.00 100.00

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Permit types included: Fire Suppression
Approval status included: Granted
Occupancy status included: Any status
Decision dates included: Between 09/01/2023 and 09/30/2023

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36512200	F23-009	BLS BENNINGTON OUTLOT LLC GSS Fire Extinguishers, LLC 216 NORTHSIDE DR Install Fire Suppression System To Accommodate 2	Fire Suppression C.O. Pending (Will Protect Fryers/Charbroiler)	Granted 09/25/2023	75.99

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Detailed Permit Report**Permit types included:** Exhaust Hood**Approval status included:** Granted**Occupancy status included:** Any status**Decision dates included:** Between 09/01/2023 and 09/30/2023

<i>Parcel number Land Record Book and Pages</i>	<i>Permit number</i>	<i>Owner's name Applicant's name Location</i>	<i>Permit type Cert. of Occ.</i>	<i>Decision</i>	<i>Fee paid Cost of project</i>
36512200	F23-007	BLS BENNINGTON OUTLOT LLC GSS Fire Extinguishers, LLC - Willy Hall 216 NORTHSIDE DR Install A 5'-7" Gaylord Industries North American Fryer	Exhaust Hood C.O. Pending	Granted 09/25/2023	80.00
36512200	F23-008	BLS BENNINGTON OUTLOT LLC GSS Fire Extinguishers, LLC - Willy Hall 216 NORTHSIDE DR Install A 7'-7" Gaylord Industries Broiler/Oven Hood	Exhaust Hood C.O. Pending	Granted 09/25/2023	80.00

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Permit types included: Sprinkler System

Approval status included: Granted

Occupancy status included: Any status

Decision dates included: Between 09/01/2023 and 09/30/2023

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08010302	F23-007	BENNINGTON CENTER FOR THE ARTS Atlantic Fire Sprinkler, Inc. 44 GYPSY LN Replace (4) Existing Sprinkler Heads w/(4) Extended	Sprinkler System C.O. Pending Sprinkler	Granted	09/15/2023 50.00
36512302	F23-010	BLS BENNINGTON LIMITED Atlantic Fire Sprinkler, Inc. 214 NORTHSIDE DR Raise Existing Fire Sprinkler Main/Line Pipe & Replace	Sprinkler System C.O. Pending Existing Heads w/Upright Heads	Granted	09/29/2023 230.30