

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

BENNINGTON SELECT BOARD

Monday, September 9, 2024
Bennington Fire Facility
Multi-Purpose Room - 3rd Floor
130 River Street
Bennington, Vermont 05201

AGENDA

6:00 PM

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| 1. Pledge of Allegiance | 6:00 PM - 6:02 PM |
| 2. Vision Statement | 6:02 PM - 6:05 PM |
| 3. Consent Agenda | 6:05 PM - 6:10 PM |
| A. Minutes of August 21 and 26, 2024 | |
| B. Warrants | |
| C. Licenses, <i>if any</i> | |
| 4. Public Comment | 6:10 PM - 6:25 PM |
| 5. Update on Traffic Calming | 6:25 PM - 6:55 PM |
| 6. On-line Commenting Protocol 1st Reading | 6:55 PM - 7:25 PM |
| 7. Errors and Omissions | 7:25 PM - 7:30 PM |
| 8. Manager's Report | 7:30 PM - 7:45 PM |
| 9. Upcoming Agenda | 7:45 PM - 7:50 PM |
| 10. Other Business | 7:50 PM - 8:00 PM |
| 11. Executive Session | |
| A. Contract | |

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1 **BENNINGTON SELECT BOARD LISTENING SESSION MEETING**

2 **130 RIVER STREET**

3 **BENNINGTON, VERMONT 05201**

4 **AUGUST 21, 2024**

5 **MINUTES**

6 **SELECT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ed Woods-Vice Chair; Tom Haley; Clark Adams; Jeanne
7 Conner; Sarah Perrin; and Nancy White.

8 **SELECT BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jeannie Jenkins-Chair.

9 **ALSO PRESENT:** Stuart Hurd-Town Manager; Jackie Matts-Charter Review Committee Chair;
10 Mike Bethel; Shirley Adams; Vickie Lampron; Robert Ebert; Barbara Bluto; Beth and Dwain
11 Wilwol; Zak Hale; Josh Boucher-CAT-TV; and Nancy H. Lively-Secretary.

12 At 6:00pm, Vice-Chair Ed Woods called the meeting to order.

13 Mr. Woods explained that this is a public meeting, is being televised to air at a different
14 time, and we have a hard stop at 7:00pm. There is no formal agenda and any discussion may
15 result in the topic being an agenda item at a future Select Board meeting. Listening Session
16 meetings were initiated by Mr. Adams and Ms. White for the public to have a discussion with
17 the Board and popularity of these meetings will determine the occurrence of future meetings.

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19 Mike Bethel: Would like the ~\$50,000 that goes to the BBC to have a committee formed from
20 the people downtown before the next budget to come up with ideas for a better promotion of
21 the Downtown for next year.

- 22 - *Mr. Hurd: Stated that the majority of the funds are contracted to 802 Vermont annually.*
23 - *Mr. Woods: Added that those dollars are a "Bennington fund" and not a "Downtown fund".*
24 - *Ms. White: People she has talked to feel that instead of giving that money to an outside*
25 *contractor, the business owners downtown should work with the BBC to get more events*
26 *downtown for all of the businesses, as well as, to draw people from 40 miles away and not*
27 *just off the Bypass.*

28 Mr. Bethel: Perhaps that money should be divided into areas of Bennington. Billboards on the
29 edge of Town advertising the Town is one idea, and the Board could discuss other ideas for the
30 downtown merchants with the BBC.

31 Mr. Bethel: State Representatives should share their ideas with the Board. *Mr. Woods: Has*
32 *there been any interaction with the State in the past, and Ms. Conner answered no.*

34 Shirley Adams: Noted that advertising at the EV charging station at Dunkin Donuts where
35 people are there for ~a half hour would be a good place for informational billboards of what is
36 in the Downtown. *Mr. Woods: Will bring this to the Energy Committee and others to work with*
37 *the BBC as they are responsible for the charging stations. Mr. Adams: Added that he has seen*
38 *people taking a photo of the QR code at the Bennington Museum so to have one at the charging*
39 *stations is the "latest and greatest" form of advertising. Ms. Conner: Placing the QR codes at*
40 *other locations besides the charging stations is an excellent idea. Merchants can also put them*
41 *on their websites.*

43 Vickie Lampron: Thanked the Board for having this Listening Session, shared a personal issue
44 that the Board was helpful with, and noted to everyone that the Board is, indeed,
45 approachable.

47 Robert Ebert: Read in the Banner that the Charter Review Committee has been formed and that
48 there was discussion to make the Police Advisory Board (CPARB) autonomous and how would
49 that change their function.

- 50 - *Mr. Adams: When CPARB was formed it seemed that there were some constraints in the*
51 *Charter as to their process. It had to be put in the grievance/complaint process of the Police*
52 *Department. An organizational chart gives the perception that CPARB is under the Police*
53 *Department when it is actually under the Select Board.*
 - 54 - *Mr. Haley: Recalls there being some constraints in State Law, as well. Also, CPARB did have*
55 *Listening Sessions scheduled in the beginning that were not well attended, however, they do*
56 *hope for more public involvement from all walks of life as time goes on.*
 - 57 - *Mr. Hurd: CPARB was created by a Resolution of the Select Board. Do we want to make*
58 *CPARB an investigative authority (Mr. Adams says no). "Placing it in the Charter doesn't*
59 *change its authority unless you change its authority by placing it in the Charter. If it's in the*
60 *Charter, it makes it harder to be eliminated or amended." CPARB may be coming to the*
61 *Board to request having bi-monthly meetings instead of monthly meeting.*
 - 62 - *Jackie Matts, Chair of the Charter Review Committee: We will be meeting Fridays at 3:00pm*
63 *in the Town Office Meeting Room, and if there's more interest from the public, we will move*
64 *the meeting somewhere that's more accommodating.*
 - 65 - *Ms. Conner: Is now the Board Representative for CPARB and the listening sessions was*
66 *discussed at the last - and her first - CPARB meeting. She has some thoughts on how to*
67 *improve public participation, such as, going to their work places instead of asking them to*
68 *come to a meeting the she will be sharing with the CPARB Chair.*
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Barbara Bluto: The description of what CPARB does should be made more public so that people would be less reluctant to approach them.

Beth and Dwain Wilwol: 1. Commended the police for having more police presence in the Downtown. 2. Thanked Ms. Perrin and Betsy Greenwalt for the Food Truck Festival this past weekend and would like to see it moved closer to the Four Corners. 3. The Vermont Begins Here website needs to be updated as there are businesses listed that no longer exist, and if it's for the Downtown, why are the big box stores advertised on it. 4. Approves of people having the right to protest whatever they believe in, however, when they're on the four corners they are interfering with their business. 5. The Grow Bennington Initiative had raised money to put lights on the trees in the Downtown but that wasn't done this past year.

Mr. Hurd: There are funds from the original fundraising project still in reserve that have been used in the past to repair the splash pad. Thinks the lighting on the trees was a project between the BBC and Grow Bennington but does not know what happened to it.

Mr. Woods: We will discuss this with Shannon Barsotti.

Mr. Adams: Are the protesters blocking the entrance to your store or is there presence just intimidating? Ms. Wilwol: They could congregate on the other corners where they wouldn't be affecting those businesses. Mr. Wilwol: For the most part, the protesters are quiet, however, there was one group that had a bull horn that caused businesses to shut their doors up to Knapp's. "We have as much right to have a local business that they have to protest." The panhandling and drug deals - that nobody tries to hide anymore - are also an issue.

Ms. White: Did speak to the protesters with the bull horn noting that everyone understands their right to protest but they should also understand that business owners also have the right to do business without their customers feeling intimidated.

Ms. Perrin: It is an issue of resources and asked Mr. Hurd about the noise and panhandling ordinances, and Mr. Hurd answered that the noise ordinance is decibels at the property line. The decibel of a bull horn probably wouldn't exceed the limit so that isn't a solution. There was a panhandling ordinance that we repealed under the advice of the Attorney General's Office because we were interfering with people's rights to free speech. In Vermont, panhandling may be an annoyance but it isn't a crime. We also do not have an ordinance against busking which business owners would probably support happening as it would be an activity on the streets.

Ms. White: If panhandling is on private property and the owners get a No Trespass can the police remove people from the property? Mr. Hurd: Property owners can No Trespass an individual but then the individual has to be identified so the No Trespass is served on the individual.

106 *Mr. Hurd: Noted that Ms. White had mentioned that some people were afraid of speaking up*
107 *for fear of retribution if they bring a complaint to the Town. "That does not happen in*
108 *Bennington." Town officials and Select Board members are approachable without retribution.*
109 *Ms. White: The retribution was not from Town Officials, it was the treatment of some by the*
110 *Select Board. Mr. Adams: Added that he had heard two things if people spoke up - there would*
111 *be retribution and nothing would be accomplished. "We don't want to focus on negativity, we*
112 *just want to make it a better town."*

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114 Robert Ebert: Noted that the fear to go to the police for fear of retribution was in the IACP
115 report from interviews that they had done years ago and resulted in the formation of CPARB.
116 Thanked the Board for having this Listening Session as it is more relaxed without the pressure
117 of the rest of an agenda. "It's a great idea." *Ms. White: Believes that most people are*
118 *supportive of the Police Department. There are many State Police, Town Police, and Sheriff's*
119 *that go out of their way to help people. Mr. Haley: Complaints can be done online, those will go*
120 *to the CPARB Chair, and then they have to go through the Police complaint process for CPARB to*
121 *review it.*

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123 Zak Hale: Feels that bringing a new 100 resident Senior Care Facility to Bennington would be
124 beneficial to the housing crisis. Seniors pay more than 30% of their income on housing, which
125 in a Senior Care Facility would actually be more like 60%, and they are 120% of the Area Median
126 Income (AMI). This opens up a demographic where developers can afford to build new
127 housing. 70% of the new tenants will come from a 10-mile radius. The Select Board can make
128 something like that happen. Since we don't have enough people walking in downtown, this
129 would be a boost to the economy.

130 *Ms. White: 1.Is concerned about the lack of maintenance that was done at Cora B. for the last*
131 *decade. Before we hop into another one, a study should be done to see if the other affordable*
132 *facilities have kept up on maintenance. 2. And you don't have the people to staff that facility.*
133 *Mr. Hale: No, but it would free up housing for people to come here to live and take those jobs.*

134 *Mr. Adams: Didn't hear the word 'affordable'. Mr. Hale: The definition of affordable housing is*
135 *30% of income, but affordable isn't necessarily subsidized because everyone that lives in our*
136 *facilities must make 3 times the rent.*

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138 Mike Bethel: Thanked the Board for doing this, thanked Ms. Perrin and Betsy Greenwalt for the
139 Food Truck Festival, and the Fire Department for what they did over Battle Day Weekend.

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141 *Mr. Woods: Keep an eye out for future sessions, great turnout, great exchange of information.*
142 *The Board and Staff appreciate it.*

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144 *At 7:04pm, the meeting was adjourned.*

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147 Respectfully submitted,

148 Nancy H. Lively

149 Secretary

1 **BENNINGTON SELECT BOARD MEETING**

2 **130 RIVER STREET**

3 **BENNINGTON, VERMONT 05201**

4 **AUGUST 26, 2024**

5 **MINUTES**

6 **SELECT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jeannie Jenkins-Chair; Ed Woods-Vice Chair; Jeanne
7 Conner; Tom Haley; Sarah Perrin; Clark Adams and Nancy White.

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

9 **ALSO PRESENT:** Stuart Hurd-Town Manager; Dan Monks-Assistant Town Manager; Cat Bryars
10 and Mary Cohen-Shires Housing; Mark Anders-BCRC; Shirley Adams; Martha Mackey; Sarah
11 Potts; Charles Dewey; John Goodrich; Mark Wilson; Susan Beal; Ezra Miller; Mike Bethel;
12 Debbie Matte; David Pearson; Drew Keaffaber; 20 citizens; Jim Therrien-Bennington Banner;
13 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 AUGUST 12, 2024**

24 **B. WARRANTS**

25 **C. LICENSES, IF ANY**

26 *Jeanne Conner moved and Tom Haley seconded to approve the Consent Agenda with*
27 *the Minutes of August 12, 2024 amended as follows:*

28 *Page 1, Line 10 and Line 135 Change "Sadot" to "Sadat"*

29 *Page 1, Line 11 and Line 137 Change "Erin (no last name given)" to "Erin Williams"*

Page 1, Line 11 Change "Pearson; Drew" to "Pearson; Martha Beauchamps-Master Gardeners; Drew"

Page 5, Line 147 After "season." Add "Martha Beauchamps spoke on behalf of the UVM Extension Master Gardeners and the St. Peters plot."

Warrants - Ms. White noted that some of the tax bills that were paid for on Warrant 401507 to Eastern Sales, Inc. were faded and should have been checked before they went out. Mr. Hurd stated that we send over 6,000 tax bills and some may have faded during printing.

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. Speakers are required to state their legal 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.
7. Once an individual's comment is finished, unless a Board member has a clarifying questions, the speaker is asked to take their seat.
8. When appropriate, Town staff and/or Select Board members will respond to questions or issues raised during public comment at the end of public comment. If additional explanation is desired, members of the public are encouraged to contact Town staff in person during regular business hours, or via e-mail or phone.
9. When an agenda item is a presentation to the board, and after the board has asked any questions, the public may comment. Any public comment on the presentation will be directed to the board chair. The board chair may answer or ask the presenter to answer at their discretion.

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64 There were no Public Comments.

65 **5. PUBLIC HEARING - VCDP PLANNING GRANT FOR SHIRES HOUSING MERGER**

66 Cat Bryars, exiting Executive Director of Shires Housing and Mary Cohen, future
67 Executive Director of Shires Housing, spoke on behalf of the Shires Housing Merger:

- 68 • Shires Housing wishes to apply for a Vermont Community Development Program (VCDP)
69 Planning Grant for \$60,000 that flows through the Town to support merger activity for
70 Shires Housing.
- 71 • Shires Housing provides housing to ~1,000 residents that stretches from Bennington to
72 Manchester, as well as, the SASH program free of charge to seniors.
- 73 • Most of the housing developers in the State are operating on a 2-3 county scale so we
74 have been discussing a merger with Rutland for about a year.
- 75 • The merger activities that this grant will fund are financial consulting, legal work, and
76 integration of systems and staff.
- 77 • Rutland County has merged with Neighborworks of Western Vermont which covers 3
78 counties - Addison, Bennington, and Rutland.

79 *Board comments/questions answered by Ms. Cohen and Ms. Bryars:*

80 Ms. White: 1. Where is the \$60,000 you're asking for coming from? *The Agency of Commerce*
81 *and Community Development federal program called the Vermont Community Development*
82 *Program (VCDP).* 2. For the past 10 years, Shires has not maintained the elevator or other
83 maintenance issues at Cora B. and are there other buildings that haven't been maintained that
84 we don't know about. 3. Would Shires be transferring properties that they own in Bennington
85 to anyone else? *Yes, this is an opportunity to get buildings that are deficient into a rehab*
86 *situation. The properties will be transferred to the Housing Trust Department's Entity.* 4. This is
87 an example of losing our say locally and in our county. Will other non-profits be taken over by
88 Rutland and are people in Rutland aware of this? *Yes, they've received a Planning Grant*
89 *through their municipality.*

90 Ms. Jenkins: Why is a merger necessary, why have other counties in the State merged, and how
91 will the merger ensure that we don't lose what we have with Shires in Town? *The Shires Board*
92 *has expressed the same concerns. Other counties have merged to make them stronger. We will*
93 *benefit from Neighborworks of Western Vermont because they are affiliated with*
94 *Neighborworks America who has tremendous resources. Even though they have been down*
95 *here, we have never had the benefit of their development resources. The first year is the*
96 *Strategic Plan and we will have a better idea in 6 -12 months how everything will work.* Ms.
97 Jenkins: An organization would be foolish not to utilize the federal dollars that are available.
98 "Our discussion is not about the merger, it is about a municipal grant to help them do the
99 merger well."

100 Mr. Woods: Will the merger address building maintenance issues and are the merging boards
101 addressing the communities that are losing their local entities? *We will have a local office, will*
102 *be looking for additional local staffing, the CFO and some directors will be located in*
103 *Bennington, and our Portfolio Analysis will be in a better place to deal with building*
104 *maintenance concerns and our funders. Real estate development will also be in both counties.*

105 Mr. Adams: Is concerned that with regional and national influence that local input will be lost
106 and has concerns about the concept that federal money is free money. Is \$60,000 a "leap of
107 faith" for the organization? *Our merger budget is a little over \$400,000 and we are "tapping*
108 *into" Neighborworks America, the Vermont Housing Conservation Board, the VCDP, and our*
109 *home organizations if we need to. The \$60,000 will not eliminate that but will help integrate*
110 *the systems.*

111 Ms. Conner: Shires Housing doesn't need our permission to merge and our only purpose here is
112 to approve - or disapprove - the grant application. Don't misinterpret our questions. They are
113 because this is the first time that most of us have heard of this.

114 Ms. Perrin: In general, no one likes change, so if and when this merger takes place, please be
115 sure to notify the Select Board. *The Chair of the Shires Board is Jim Sullivan who has always*
116 *worked for regional strength and development. The hospital - right here in Bennington - is a*
117 *merged organization.*

118 Mr. Haley: If the merger goes through, will there be representatives from both counties on that
119 Board? *Yes, all three organizations are working on what that representation would look like.*
120 *We're hoping the merger will be done by 1/1/25 and all of those ducks will be in a row.*

121 *Public comments/questions answered by Ms. Cohen and Ms. Bryars:*

122 Sarah Potts: This was confidential so why was Jeannie the only one to find out about it? *Part of*
123 *our due diligence was to reach out to town leaders for any concerns that they may have if the*
124 *merger took place. Ms. Jenkins: Added that this is not a Town matter, and if it were, we would*
125 *have gone into Executive Session to discuss it. These are 3 non-profits merging. Ms. Conner: If*
126 *Jeannie were to share with the rest of the Board, it would have had to be in an Open Meeting*
127 *because we're not allowed to communicate like that.*

128 Shirley Adams: Is it double dipping for Rutland to also have gotten a Planning Grant? *We went*
129 *to the VCDP and they agreed that it would be appropriate for the 3 businesses to each apply.*

130 ***Tom Haley moved and Ed Woods seconded to sign the Resolution read by Mr. Hurd to***
131 ***allow Shires Housing to apply for a VCDP Planning Grant for \$60,000.***

132 Ms. Perrin questioned that we should have a second Public Hearing before voting, and
133 Mr. Woods explained that we are only authorizing Shires Housing to apply for the grant which is
134 not Town business. A decision that affected the Town directly would require two hearings.

135 ***The motion carried with Nancy White and Clark Adams opposed.***

6. BENNINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL COMMISSION, TRAFFIC CALMING

Mark Anders, Bennington County Regional Commission (BCRC) Senior Transportation Planner, did the following presentation:

- Traffic calming is slowing down cars.
- BCRC is looking for a budget to design traffic calming in Bennington and for the Select Board to weigh in on where that could be - perhaps the Monument Avenue Extension.
- We would like to work with DPW and provide a budget for traffic calming in Bennington
- When traffic calming takes place we will provide before and after vehicle speeds.
- We also will work with residents to be sure that they approve the budget first, as well.
- We also would like to work with the Board to develop an official Traffic Calming Policy.
- Traffic volume is as much of an issue as speeding.
- Using 10 years of VTRANS data, there were over 4,000 vehicle crashes, 777 with at least one injury, and 10 with at least 1 fatality.
- There is a 7-page guide on the BCRC website on how to calm traffic.
- Some traffic calming methods are:
 - ✓ Trees near the edge of the road, parked cars, lack of a center line, narrower street
 - ✓ You design for the speed you want
 - ✓ A road with a 30mph speed limit invites people to drive faster when it has a similar look as a 50mph road
 - ✓ Narrow lanes from 11' to 10' by painting side lines
 - ✓ Remove center lines
 - ✓ Radar feedback signs
 - ✓ Vertical deflection techniques, i.e., speed bumps - used in parking lots but not public roadways
 - ✓ Speed humps - has a broader base and safer for vehicles - 12'-14' wide, 3-3.5" high at the highest point
 - ✓ A series of speed humps with proper design and spacing slow vehicles by 20-25mph
 - ✓ A speed table is a speed hump stretched out twice as long
 - ✓ A speed table + a crosswalk = a raised crosswalk
 - ✓ Studies have shown that speed tables and speed humps are effective - 74% reduction of vehicles 5mph over speed limit; 81% reduction of vehicles 10mph over speed limit; and a 20% reduction in traffic volume
 - ✓ Three locations to focus on traffic calming -

- 175 1. East Road between Route 279 and Houghton Lane - 12 crashes (7
176 property damage only and 5 injury) between 2010 and 2024
177 2. South Stream Road between Morgan Street and Beech Street - 12
178 crashes (6 property damage only and 6 injury) between 2010 and
179 2024
180 3. Monument Avenue Extension - 34 crashes (23 property damage
181 only and 11 injury) between 2010 and 2024. An illustration was
182 shared of traffic calming on Monument Avenue Extension

183 *Board comments/questions answered by Mr. Anders:*

184 Ms. White: 1. Wasn't a study done to increase the speed on East Road? Mr. Hurd: BCRC only
185 gathered the data and the average speed dictated that the speed limit should increase from
186 35mph to 40mph. 2. Would like to see where the pathways will be before doing another pilot
187 program. Mr. Monks: For years bike paths have been in the Town Plan and on the website for
188 over 2 decades. 3. Is concerned that traffic will be slowed down too much on Benmont Avenue
189 and cause a bottleneck. Mr. Monks: All the Benmont plans have been approved by VTRANS and
190 designed to make it safer. If there are things that need to be tweaked we will do that, as well.

191 Ms. Jenkins: 1. In general, what are you thinking for traffic calming with walking and biking as a
192 consideration? BCRC put a path from Orchard Village and Willow Brook to Molly Stark and
193 we're thinking of connecting a path to the Rail Trail along Orchard Road. 2. Is there a list of
194 your "one offs"? There isn't a list as we haven't done much calming in rural towns. We don't
195 have much experience with traffic calming methods which is why the pilot programs are
196 important. 3. Should we be more concerned about curvy roads where there are more crashes
197 than straight road? When doing a speed study for traffic calming we look at the 85th percentile
198 that are 7mph over the speed limit. Ms. Jenkins: It would be helpful to have that information.

199 Mr. Haley: 1. How long do you expect these pilot projects to take? My hope is that we could do
200 a pilot by next construction season and we would know right away if it slowed down traffic. We
201 would then do a traffic study. 2. You mentioned Molly Stark as in town when it would seem that
202 other locations would be more in town. You're right but we were thinking of the pathway
203 connections, too.

204 Mr. Adams: Of the 3 roads, are they similar or different in amount of traffic? All 3 are similar in
205 residence and are all used for cut through traffic which generally speeds more than regular
206 traffic. Ms. Jenkins added that we have also heard about streets in town. In town streets are
207 often easier to deal with - the Molly Stark one being considered in town and one of the other
208 ones as rural.

209 Ms. Conner: 1. Was told - apparently in error - that the double lines were required. 3,000
210 people/day is the rule of thumb for requiring a double line. 2. Perhaps getting in touch with the
211 police department for where they issue the most tickets would be helpful. That's a good idea.
212 3. If you reduce speed, you reduce noise. That's correct. 4. Is there a reason to choose a

213 straight road over a curvy road? *Straight roads would be more conducive to speed.* 5. Can
214 speed tables and speed humps be removed? *Yes.*

215 Mr. Woods: A speed cart on Monument Avenue greatly reduced the speed. There are very few
216 of them. Should we get more? *That would be good, however, since there's no enforcement tied*
217 *to them, the effects of them fade over time.*

218 Mr. Hurd: 1. The State of Vermont puts the yellow lines on all Class 2 roadways assuming for a
219 reason. *A lot of things are done because that's just the way they've always been done.* 2. Does
220 eliminating the center lines have an effect on drivers during foggy/inclement weather? *The side*
221 *lines keep drivers on the road and the lack of the center lines creates an uncertainty that would*
222 *slow people down.*

223 *Public comments/questions answered by Mr. Anders:*

224 Martha Mackey: Feels that speed tables or speed humps would be effective at the crosswalks in
225 the downtown without waiting to do a pilot study. Also, could we put in a bike lane as we
226 narrow the streets? *Bike lanes are good in some places and not in others, however, they would*
227 *be good on Monument Avenue. In general, it's a good idea.*

228 Charles Dewey: Has noticed that the 30mph radar feedback sign really works as people slow
229 down for the rest of the way into Old Bennington. Also, cars from Massachusetts accelerate
230 from the intersection of Dewey Street and Monument Avenue and suggests more of the radar
231 feedback signs.

232 John Goodrich: Is against speed bumps on Monument Avenue, supports permanent radar
233 control signs, and police presence. *27 states allow automatic ticket issuing from a machine but*
234 *Vermont does not so automatic recording of speed is a moot point.*

235 Mark Wilson: 1. Was the speed calming work on Benmont Avenue recommended by BCRC? *Mr.*
236 *Hurd: The speed calming on Benmont Avenue is the first step in the Pathway Project to create a*
237 *"snow shelf" between the bike/pedestrian pathway.* 2. Is the bike/pedestrian pathway the
238 sidewalk or will there be an extra lane cut out for that? *Mr. Monks: It's a wider sidewalk that*
239 *meets the federal standards.* 3. It has cut down Apollo Fuels business by 20% and is detrimental
240 to the traffic that moves up and down Benmont Avenue. Do we know the number of cars that
241 go up and down Benmont Avenue? *Mr. Hurd: The Benmont Avenue Project is a town project.*
242 *The lane width will be reduced to 10' and slow people down. The purpose of establishing curb*
243 *cuts was to make that area safer.* 4. It would have been nice if somebody had let the business
244 owners know that this project was going to start. *Mr. Hurd: The property owners that were*
245 *effected were provided notice. When the Pathway Project goes forward, all of the effected*
246 *property owners will be notified.* 5. Will the Pathway Project make its way to my business? *Mr.*
247 *Monks: It will be at least 2 years.*

248 Susan Beal: We have become frustrated every time we pulled out of our driveway and have a
249 petition with 31 of our neighbors who are supportive of some version of traffic calming. The list
250 was given to Mr. Hurd.

251 Ezra Miller: Lives on Monument Avenue and feels that the traffic calming should begin on
252 Monument Avenue where they have the data and then gather data elsewhere for a future
253 project.

254 Mike Bethel: Disagrees with slowing traffic on Benmont Avenue and spoke to being able to
255 cross the road in his wheelchair as it is. And, when the roundabouts are done traffic on
256 Benmont will be slowed too much.

257 Debbie Matte: Is there a risk of becoming airborne if someone is speeding over the speed
258 humps at 100mph? *Probably.*

259 David Pearson: Feels that narrowing the lanes on Monument Avenue will make it much safer
260 for the pedestrians.

261 Drew Keaffaber: Thanked Mark and Susan for pulling this together for Monument Avenue as
262 there are many speeding vehicles there.

263 Ms. Jenkins summarized - it looks like there are some low cost measures suggested like
264 speed limit signs. What we need:

- 265 ➤ Get data from the Police Department on high crash areas.
- 266 ➤ Mr. Anders's information from BCRC.
- 267 ➤ Low cost items and what may need to wait until next budget season.
- 268 ➤ How do we proceed - Do we want to do a pilot?

269 **7. MANAGER'S REPORT**

270 Mr. Hurd did the following report:

271 *Boards and Commissions Adjustments* - The DRB has recently lost two members reducing the
272 membership to five which makes it more difficult to field a quorum at three. To make this
273 change, it must be an agenda item or we can advertise for 2 more members to keep the
274 number at seven. It's been ~3 months since the 2 members resigned.

275 ***Ed Woods moved and Jeanne Conner seconded to advertise for two (2) more members***
276 ***on the Development Review Board (DRB) to have a slate for the 9/23/24 Select Board***
277 ***Meeting.***

278 Discussion ensued noting that the DRB Meetings are the first and third Tuesdays at
279 6:30pm at the Fire Facility. Expertise in engineering, surveying, development, planning
280 background, business, and construction would be helpful. If no expertise, a willingness to learn
281 how to read plans.

282 ***The motion carried unanimously.***

283 ***Ed Woods moved and Jeanne Conner seconded to remove voting rights from the Select***
284 ***Board liaison to the Energy Committee to align with other Select Board liaison positions***
285 ***effective in the 2025/2026 fiscal year.***

286 Mr. Haley asked why that liaison position became a voting member, and Ms. Jenkins
287 explained that the Chair of the Board at that time felt that it should be, and the rest of the
288 Board agreed.

289 ***The motion carried unanimously.***

290 *CAT-TV Facebook Postings* - We understand that postings on the CAT TV Facebook page during
291 Select Board meetings contain personal attacks and comments that are mean-spirited and
292 unhelpful to the purpose of the meeting. We don't see these in real time and have approached
293 CAT TV on how they might better screen comments coming into the site during our Board
294 meetings. However, they don't have sufficient staff to do that. So, we believe the Board should
295 ask CAT TV to block all postings.

296 ***Tom Haley moved and Clark Adams seconded to table a decision to block all postings***
297 ***to the CAT TV's Select Board meeting Facebook page until staff has devised an in-house***
298 ***alternative way to comment directly to the Board.***

299 Mr. Adams thinks this is an "overreach" for the Board to approach CAT TV to make a
300 change to their operations and cannot support any form of government censoring.

301 Ms. White agrees with Mr. Adams. Elected officials must have "thick skin" and feels that
302 other citizens will call out the ones making the offensive comments.

303 Mr. Haley doesn't disagree with Mr. Adams or Ms. White but doesn't want to make a
304 decision until the alternative way is heard.

305 ***Tom Haley withdrew the motion to table because comments should not be made on a***
306 ***motion to table.***

307 Discussion continued -

308 Ms. Perrin stated that our Town Facebook Page is able to censor comments and we are
309 opening ourselves up to law suits if we are able to censor comments on CAT TV, and cannot
310 agree with that at all. The internet is out there and people are saying things on every platform.
311 "Citizens have the right to say whatever they want and it's ugly. We know it's ugly."

312 Ms. Conner stated that in a world before Facebook we wouldn't be having this
313 conversation. The Select Board meetings have always been aired live. Ms. Jenkins added if
314 only the people with CAT TV access can see the meetings we're limiting ourselves to the
315 catchment area, whereas opening it up to Facebook allows people from anywhere to view the

316 meetings. Mr. Adams noted that comments can also be made on You Tube, and are parallel to
317 Facebook but not connected.

318 Ms. Jenkins noted that staff did ask CAT TV if they could follow the Town's
319 Communication Policy which does not allow attacks, and an individual that was at the meeting
320 was told that they couldn't make an attacking comment, went back and sat down, and put that
321 attacking comment on CAT TV Facebook while sitting at the meeting. "It shouldn't be different
322 if you're in a meeting speaking or you're sitting in the back of the room."

323 Mr. Woods stated that Board members took an oath when elected but not our family
324 members, town staff, or members of the public that come before this Board. The public come
325 to a meeting and can speak during Public Comment or in discussion on an Agenda Item. We are
326 having difficulty recruiting people to serve this Town in any public way. We repeatedly hear
327 from people that refuse to serve because of the negativity of the comments on social media. "I
328 have a real problem calling that freedom of speech" and awaits what the staff develop as an
329 alternative that follows our Communication Policy.

330 Mr. Hurd said that the only reason we went to CAT TV is because we contract with them
331 and pay them an hourly rate to be here so we have a right to negotiate with them if, in fact, we
332 don't want some of those services. "It's a contract issue." Mr. Adams added that he doesn't
333 believe that it is appropriate for us to alter the internal workings of CAT TV unless that is part of
334 the contract.

335 Ms. Jenkins - All Board members should be sent the comments from the 4 Board
336 meetings that we have been referring to and any decision that we make will be given to
337 Counsel for their legal opinion.

338 ***Tom Haley moved and Ed Woods seconded to table a decision to block all postings to***
339 ***the CAT TV's Select Board meeting Facebook Page at this time. The motion carried***
340 ***unanimously.***

341 Notice of Intent to Remove a Tree at Former Shaffe's Men Shop - The tree is very large and has
342 lifted the sidewalk to a dangerous level and is interfering with the water shut off to the
343 building. The tree will be replaced in a slightly different location to avoid the shut off.

344 Two pickleball courts have been constructed at Willow Park where the old tennis courts
345 used to be and are ready for use.

346 Our contractor should be ready to start on the Skatepark by the end of this week or the
347 beginning of next week.

348 New Downtown Group Forming - The crime perpetrated at Main Street Antiques on Main Street
349 has led to an effort to form a group consisting of downtown merchants, Town staff and with
350 assistance from BPD to begin a discussion of how to better protect our businesses in the
351 downtown. Mr. Hurd will let the Board know when a meeting has been scheduled and Ms.

352 White feels the public should be involved, as well. Ms. Jenkins added that we should have Chief
353 Doucette come in for discussion, too.

354 Mr. Adams noted that Silver Street is rough, heaved and in need of repair.

355 **8. UPCOMING AGENDA**

356 September 9, 2024 - Traffic Study

357 September 9, 2024 - DRB Applications

358 **9. OTHER BUSINESS**

359 Mr. Haley: Commended the Fire Department for a fabulous Battle Day celebration.

360 Ms. Conner: Reminded everyone that school will be opening this week and to drive accordingly.

361 Ms. White: 1. Will the Listening Sessions be monthly? *Ms. Jenkins answered that we voted on*
362 *having them every other month and Mr. Hurd will have the dates at the next meeting. We have*
363 *a full schedule. 2. Per the Purchasing Policy, can the Town Manager enter into a contract and*
364 *let the Select Board know about it in 30 days? Mr. Hurd: In April, we notify the Board on*
365 *contracts that we enter into on an annual basis and send out a list of those that are standard*
366 *bids, those that are continuous, those that are exempt from policy, and those that are more*
367 *than 3 years in length. 3. Where do I see the policy for the YMCA and Meals on Wheels? Mr.*
368 *Hurd: That is part of it. Meals on Wheels is a renewable contract that renews every 3-5 years.*
369 *4. How does the Select Board hear about these publicly? Mr. Hurd: In the Managers Report if*
370 *it's a new contract and in the budget process. Ms. Jenkins: This has already been voted on and*
371 *you were here. Do you want this policy brought up sooner than later? Yes. 5. For over a year,*
372 *Mr. Monks and the BCRC have been working on the Town Plan and they haven't been here to*
373 *give us an update since early last fall. Ms. Jenkins: This has been asked and answered. You may*
374 *not have liked the answer but the answer was they were not at a place where they could come*
375 *in and talk to us at this point. If your question is 'when will the Planning Commission be at a*
376 *point when they can give us an update on the Town Plan?' then ask that. The BPI expert should*
377 *have been here to tell us what she'd like us to do. Mr. Monks: We made that presentation*
378 *before when BCRC was in doing their presentation on Phase 1. We're in-between Phase 1 and*
379 *Phase 2. BCRC is doing a lot of data collection and we're going through the draft outline that*
380 *they prepared. We don't have a written document for the Board or public to look at. Did I see*
381 *where the public would be paid for their input? Ms. Jenkins: That was from BCRC not the Town.*
382 *What about the DBI report? Mr. Monks: All of that information is on the website and I would be*
383 *happy to sit down with you on that. There is nothing that is ahead of you or that we're way*
384 *beyond. Anyone is welcome to come to a Planning Commission meeting. It is in the very*
385 *beginning stages of drafting a document and there will be multiple opportunities for the public*
386 *to comment once there is a draft in place.*

387 Ms. Perrin: Had family in town and showed them the Town which was great. Also, she wanted
388 to make it clear that it would have been a conflict of interest had she voted for the closure of
389 School Street to Main for the Food Festival. It wasn't indicated that she had abstained.

390 Ms. Jenkins: Reminded everyone that the vote for the Turf Field is on September 10, 2024 from
391 10:00am-7:00pm.

392 Mr. Woods: Get the information you need to make an informed vote from the MAU Board or
393 the Turf Adhoc Committee. The numbers are not as startling as you imagine. You can also vote
394 now. I have and voted yes.

395 **10. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

396 **A. PERSONNEL**

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398 *At 8:58pm, it was moved and seconded to go into Executive Session on Personnel. The*
399 *motion carried unanimously.*

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402 Respectfully submitted,

403 Nancy H. Lively

404 Secretary

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401633	*HUDSON-KNAPP, MARSHALL	08/29/24	082924	TOWN ENERGY COMM EXP	381.92	01-3650.850
401634	*MILLER, KIMBERLY	08/27/24	082724	REFUND OF TAX CREDIT	988.55	01-1200.000
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401636	*SAUSVILLE, SYLVIA	08/21/24	08/21/24	REFUND OF TAX CREDIT	678.25	01-1200.000
401637	*SOUTHWESTERN VT HEALTH C	07/15/24	071524	E.BUSHEE/PREPLACE PHYS	345.00	02-5100.560
401638	*TENNYSON, JAMES JR	09/03/24	090324	REFUND OF CREDIT	713.64	01-1200.000
401639	*WEBB, KAREN M	08/30/24	083024	REFUND OF TAX CREDIT	399.70	01-1200.000
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		07/16/24	I3713	MORGAN ST BRIDGE POTTY	180.00	02-5110.560
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		07/26/24	63022	REPLACE LOCK CYLINDERS	210.30	01-3710.680
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401645	ALLIED AUTO PARTS OF BENN	08/21/24	595900	FUSE PACKS	2.94	02-5330.220
		08/27/24	595310	NYLON TUBES	298.00	02-5330.220
		07/30/24	595417	ECHLIN LIGHT	5.99	02-5330.220
		07/31/24	595420	OIL FILTERS	71.98	02-5330.220
		08/21/24	595887	ADAPTERS	9.98	02-5330.220
		08/16/24	595802	TOOL/CLEANER/SPRAYER/RAZ	147.89	03-4580.210
		08/02/24	595485	BLUE DEF 2.5 GAL	74.97	03-4580.211
				TOTAL CHECK	611.75	
401646	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES,	08/28/24	1GX3PR7Q7LLIPAD CASE		78.02	41-5900.200
		08/28/24	14FLH41J6NHENSTAND FOR TABLET		9.97	01-3700.200
				TOTAL CHECK	87.99	
401647	ANDERSON EQUIPMENT COMPAN	08/16/24	4240087405	HUNT ST EQUIP RENTAL	6,598.50	02-5330.660
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401652	BOLIO PROPANE SERVICE, LL	08/29/24	199574	REPLACE GAS HEATER	1,586.00	01-7170.680
401653	BRENNTAG LUBRICANTS, LLC	08/21/24	BLN24-644372FLUID FILM		194.10	02-5330.210
		08/28/24	BLN24-649682OIL DRUM RETURN		-40.00	02-5330.220
		08/28/24	BLN24-649906OIL/GREASE		1,011.52	02-5330.220
				TOTAL CHECK	1,165.62	
401654	BRIDGET GALLANT	08/29/24	082924	MILEAGE VT FIRE ACADEMY	364.48	01-3620.741
401655	C. L. WHITE, INC.	08/06/24	59112	VEHICLE DAMAGE	306.50	01-4180.680
401656	CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS, IN	08/19/24	741342	TRASH	184.85	01-5430.560
					139.64	42-5480.560
		08/19/24	741345	TRASH/N.BENN	30.00	01-5430.560
				TOTAL CHECK	354.49	
401657	CINTAS	08/30/24	4203693026	UNIFORMS	12.63	42-5400.190
		08/30/24	4203693010	UNIFORM MAINT	10.08	41-5900.190
				TOTAL CHECK	22.71	
401658	COEO SOLUTIONS, LLC	09/03/24	1121297	WW P.S. CELL	458.48	42-5400.340
401659	COMCAST	08/24/24	081824	#8773 50 030 0057681	377.57	03-4500.340
		08/23/24	082324	CABLE	60.45	01-7900.340
				TOTAL CHECK	438.02	
401660	CONSERVATION PROJECTS	08/20/24	536591	MOW FORMER LANDFILL	900.00	01-5430.560
401661	CURTIS LUMBER COMPANY, IN	08/20/24	2408-113855	BLDG MATERIALS	145.60	01-4171.810
		08/20/24	2408-112047	BUILDING MATERIALS	99.40	01-4171.810
				TOTAL CHECK	245.00	
401662	EIGHT OH TWO MARKETING	07/31/24	INV-133020	SEO/SEM MGMT JULY 2024	637.50	01-3650.350
401663	ENDYNE, INC.	08/21/24	500580	WATER TESTING	60.00	41-5980.560

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		08/29/24	501525	WW ANALYSIS	256.00	42-5480.560
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401664	ER BENNINGTON SOLAR I, LL	09/03/24	009	NET METERING/SOLAR INCENT	16,628.35	01-1106.000
401665	F.W. WEBB COMPANY	08/19/24	86845063	6" MAX ADAPTOR CPLGS	961.02	42-5440.210
		08/19/24	86983668	IMPOUND BLDG	199.94	01-4171.810
		08/22/24	87038548	PLUMBING PARTS	94.10	42-5480.220
		08/23/24	86843998	6" MAX ADAPTERS	640.68	02-5110.220
		08/23/24	87038790	FRANK ST PARTS	1,814.90	42-5440.210
		08/26/24	87076596	TBE STD S40	14.64	02-5110.220
		08/27/24	87038790-2	11.25X4" ELBOWS	343.00	42-5440.210
				TOTAL CHECK	4,068.28	
401666	FASTENAL COMPANY	08/29/24	VTBEN71712	KOCHER DR FOOTBRIDGE	435.28	02-5330.210
401667	FORT MILLER COMPANY INC	08/26/24	160730	FRANK ST/MANHOLE PARTS	3,659.40	42-5440.210
401668	GABRUS, CHRISTINA	09/04/24	090324	REIMB 15YR SVC DINNER	30.00	01-3000.159
401669	GRANITE CITY ELECTRIC SUP	08/21/24	9949485.002	BLDG ENTRANCE WIRE	200.00	01-4140.210
					79.06	01-3300.210
					200.00	02-5170.680
		08/21/24	9949485.001	BLDG ENTRANCE WIRE	231.08	01-3300.210
		07/09/24	9910429.001	LAMPS	115.20	03-4570.220
				TOTAL CHECK	825.34	
401670	GREEN MOUNTAIN POWER CORP	08/28/24	082824	OLD JR HIGH / ELECTRIC	481.67	01-7800.760
		09/04/24	090424	SOLAR ACCTS	-15,165.74	01-1106.000
					12,913.66	42-5480.760
					105.20	02-5280.760
					1,995.11	02-5170.760
					208.87	02-5130.760
		09/04/24	090424-1	ELECTRIC	-8,691.23	01-1107.000
					1,055.41	01-4170.760
					2,726.63	01-7170.760
					1,326.10	03-4570.760
					2,317.06	41-5980.760
					1,664.17	01-7970.760
					4,650.70	41-5910.760
					1,514.52	01-3710.760
		09/04/24	090424-2	ELECTRIC	58.38	01-3720.760
					265.98	01-7170.760
					271.57	01-3710.760
					447.80	01-7160.760
					296.20	40-4420.760
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		09/04/24	090424-4	ELECTRIC	203.12	41-5980.760
					266.20	42-5480.760
					564.82	41-5910.760
				TOTAL CHECK	20,316.91	
401671	H L FUEL CO., INC.	08/23/24	1728950	FUEL OIL	624.54	01-3710.770
401672	H L PROPANE CO. INC.	08/27/24	1728933	PROPANE	744.87	01-7170.770
		08/23/24	1728749	PROPANE	1,077.55	42-5480.770
				TOTAL CHECK	1,822.42	
401673	HANNAFORD	08/21/24	5432	SUPPLIES/ACTIVITY SUPPLIE	82.99	01-7900.851
					40.09	01-7900.210
				TOTAL CHECK	123.08	
401674	HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICE	08/22/24	2024176	REBUILD TRAILER SUPPLIES	111.13	02-5200.220
		08/21/24	3012347	CAULK/SCREWHOOKS	4.36	42-5480.210
		08/22/24	2091277	OIL/TAPCON	42.08	42-5480.210
		08/20/24	4032292	PAINT AND SUPPLIES	33.71	42-5480.210
		08/26/24	8515113	SHUTDOWN SUPPLIES	358.47	01-7170.220
		08/22/24	2032355	DRILL & ANCHOR	53.81	01-7160.220
		08/20/24	4140177	BYPASS PRUNER	14.98	01-3710.220
		08/28/24	6013297	SPECTRACIDE	13.94	41-5940.210
		08/20/24	4012119	FLOOR PUMP	187.94	41-5940.210
		08/28/24	6013303	CLEANING SUPPLIES/BATTERI	199.75	02-5170.210
		08/27/24	7013233	PAINT SUPPLIES	134.85	02-5200.220
		08/27/24	7024422	KOCHER BRIDGE PAINT SUPPL	148.11	02-5240.220
		08/28/24	6622038	TUBING/TAPCONS	92.58	01-7170.220
		08/29/24	5024628	CONDUIT BODY 2"	15.98	41-5940.210
		08/28/24	6013319	HAMMER/PLIERS/SCREWDRIVER	152.82	41-5940.210
		08/27/24	7091601	SPECTRACIDE	6.97	41-5940.210
		08/27/24	7013181	MOUNTING TAPE	6.98	42-5480.210
		08/29/24	5525031	SHEDLESS KNIT RC	10.34	42-5480.210
		08/27/24	7013229	PEX PIPE/CPLG/ADAPTERS/CL	31.22	42-5480.210
		08/27/24	7013210	SPECTRACIDE	13.94	42-5480.210
				TOTAL CHECK	1,633.96	
401676	IDEXX DISTRIBUTION, INC.	08/19/24	3158397609	COLIFORM TESTING SUPPLIES	311.28	42-5480.210
401677	JOHNS BUILDING SUPPLY CO.	09/03/24	22035	VITA SAND/GROUTING MIX	422.99	02-5200.220
401678	KRONOS SAASHR, INC	08/19/24	12287460	UKG PR SETUP FEE	1,700.00	01-3410.560
					3,000.00	01-3410.560
				TOTAL CHECK	4,700.00	
401679	L & G FABRICATORS, INC.	08/23/24	30776	ANGLE	44.60	02-5330.220
		08/23/24	30777	PLATE	208.00	02-5330.220

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Prepaid						
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		08/12/24	081224	SB MINUTES 8.12.24	351.00	01-3700.560
TOTAL CHECK					432.00	
401681	LIVELY, NANCY	08/21/24	082124	LISTENING SESSION MINUTES	148.50	01-3700.560
		09/26/24	082624	SB MINUTES 8/26/24	391.50	01-3700.560
TOTAL CHECK					540.00	
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401683	MOORADIAN HYDRAULICS & EQ	08/06/24	297463	HYDRAULIC FITTINGS	999.17	02-5330.220
401684	MSK ENGINEERING & DESIGN,	09/03/24	72	INV'S 16907 & 17000	4,808.75	01-7130.440
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401695	SANEL NAPA	08/12/24	268275	DEGREASER/GLASS CLNR/TIRE	220.90	03-4580.210
401696	SECURSERED	08/21/24	466028	SHREDDING SERVICE	24.00	01-4100.560
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		08/23/24	SCINV839902	318 REPAIR	763.75	02-5330.680
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Prepaid						
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Report Total

1,239,364.49

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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 \$ * 1,231,680.20 Let this be your order for the payments of these amounts.

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

2024 LICENSE APPLICATIONS

2024 1st Class Renewal

1. Union South

2024 3rd Class Renewal

1. Union South

2024 Outside Consumption Permit Renewal

1. Union South

**The Bennington Select Board hereby approves the above
2024 License Applications**

Dated: September 9, 2024

Jeannie Jenkins, Chair

cc: Town Clerks Office

TRAFFIC CALMING GUIDE

BENNINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL COMMISSION

SPRING, 2024 EDITION



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INTRODUCTION

What is traffic calming?

Some roads and streets invite motorists to drive faster than the posted speed limit. Wide roads, wide travel lanes and highway style pavement markings can make a local road look and feel like a high-speed highway. While exceeding the speed limit on these roads may feel comfortable to motorists, it increases the risk and severity of crashes and can hurt the quality of life for people who live along the road. The goal of traffic calming is to make driving at unsafe speeds uncomfortable. By adding physical and perceptual measures to a road, traffic calming makes it most comfortable for motorists to drive at or below the speed limit so that the road becomes “self-enforcing.”

Note on sources:

The primary source for this report is A Guide to Vertical Deflection Speed Reduction Techniques, by the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE), 2022. This report is a summary of the 160-page ITE book with information from other sources added. Unless otherwise noted, the source for the information that follows is from the ITE.

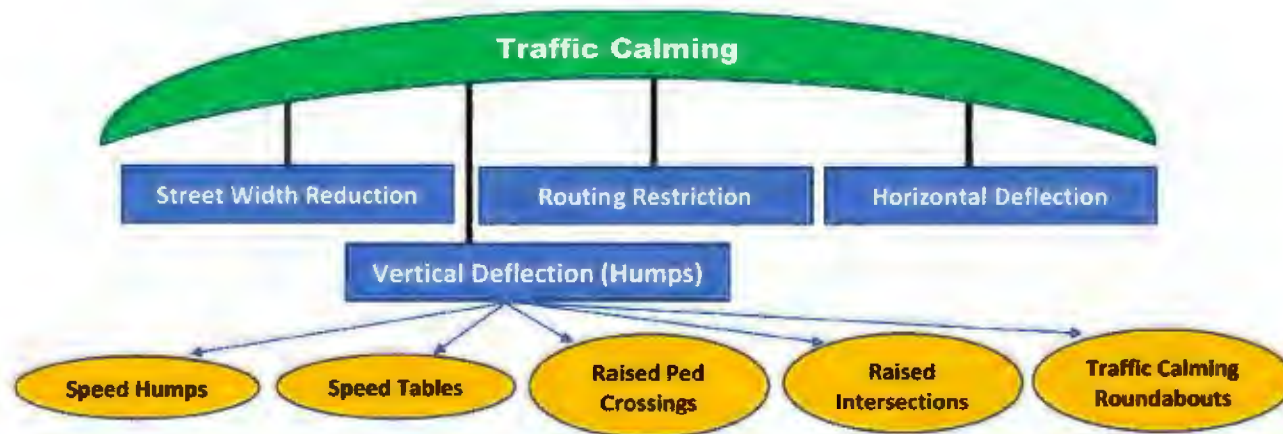
WHY TRAFFIC CALMING?



Which street would you drive slower on? Most people would probably say they would drive slower on the street pictured on the right. The parked cars, the trees close to the edge of the road, and the lack of a double yellow centerline will compel most motorists to proceed more cautiously. Its characteristics make it more “self-enforcing” than the street pictured on the left.



In this local example, both roads pictured above have similar designs. They both have 11-foot travel lanes, and a double-yellow centerline. Yet, despite similar appearances, the road pictured on the right (Route VT7A in Arlington) has a 50-mph speed limit, while the road on the left (Monument Ave. in Bennington) has a 30-mph speed limit. We want motorists to drive slower on Monument Ave. than on Route 7A because Monument Ave. has much shorter visual sight distances, narrower clear zones on the edge of the road, and more pedestrians and cyclists, yet the visual cues from the road’s design encourage driving at unsafe speeds.



TYPES OF TRAFFIC CALMING

The main types of traffic calming are:

A **horizontal deflection** hinders the ability of a motorist to drive in a straight line by creating a horizontal shift in the roadway. Measures include chicanes, realigned intersections, traffic circles, and roundabouts.

A **routing restriction** prevents some turning movements at intersections to reduce cut-through traffic. Measures include diagonal diverters, full and half closures, median barriers, and forced turn islands.

A **street width reduction** narrows the width of the vehicle travel lane. Measures include curb extensions, median islands, on-street parking, and road diets.

A **vertical deflection** creates a change in the height of the roadway that forces a motorist to slow down to maintain an acceptable level of comfort. Measures include speed humps, speed tables, raised crosswalks, raised intersections, and traffic calming roundabouts.



Speed hump.



One of a series of speed humps on Central Avenue in Somerville, MA.

This report draft focuses on vertical deflection measures because they are the most effective at reducing speeds on rural roads. We hope to expand future drafts to include other types of traffic calming.

VERTICAL DEFLECTION

SPEED HUMPS

A speed hump is an elongated mound in the road extending across the travel way at a right angle to the flow of traffic. It is typically 3 inches in height and 12 feet in length along the vehicle travel path axis. Speed humps 2.75 to 3.5 inches tall are acceptable on streets with posted speed limits of 25-30 mph.

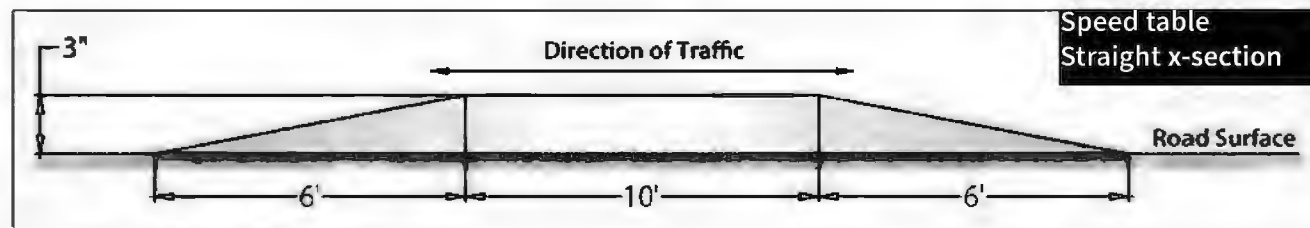
Speed humps should be a little higher on slower streets. On streets with speed limits of 25 mph or less a height of 4 inches is recommended.

Vehicles slow to about 20-25 mph on streets with properly designed and spaced speed humps.

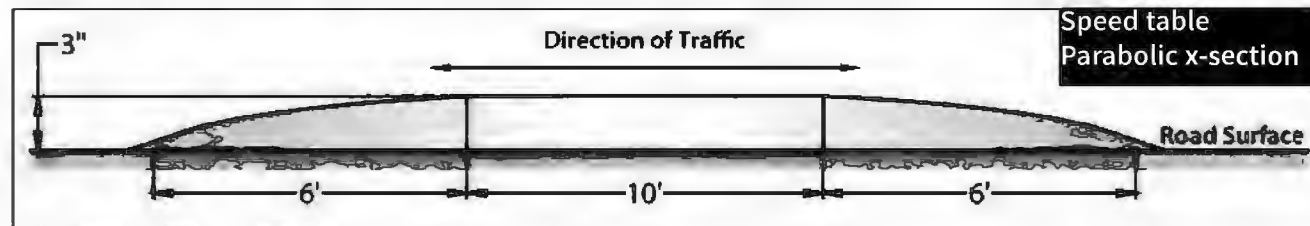
Approach Cross-sections

The three typical approach profiles for speed humps and tables each produce different effects.

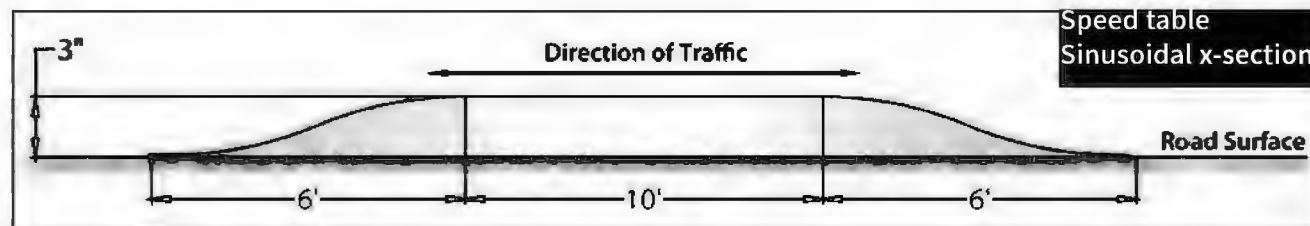
- *Straight* approaches are only recommended with raised crosswalks.
- *Parabolic* approaches are better at slowing cars, but not as good for bicycles and snowplows.
- *Sinusoidal* (wave-like) approaches are gentler and work better with bikes and snowplows.



Note: Not to scale, straight approach.

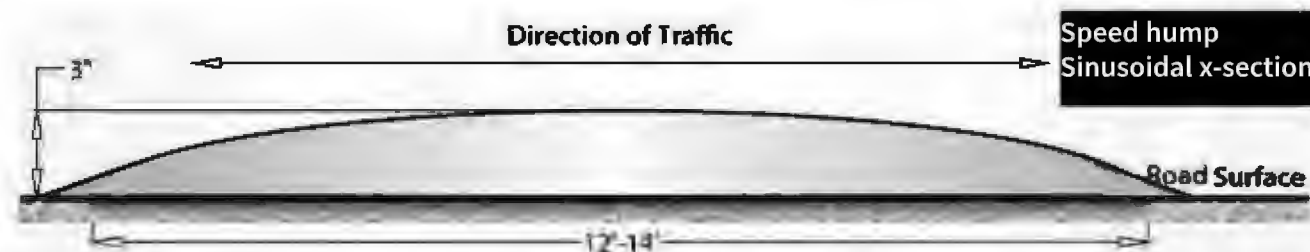


Note: Not to scale, parabolic approach.



Note: Not to scale, sinusoidal approach.

Speed Tables. Straight, parabolic, and sinusoidal cross-sections. Not to scale.



Speed hump with a parabolic cross-section. Not to scale.

SPEED TABLES

A speed table is longer than a speed hump and supports the entire wheelbase of a motor vehicle. The longer length makes them gentler than speed humps. Speed tables work better with emergency vehicles and should be used instead of speed humps on primary emergency response routes.

A speed tables should be 22-23 feet long with a 10-foot plateau and 6-foot approaches. It should have a vertical height 3-3.5 inches for 30 mph and 4 inches for 20-25 mph.

Vehicles slow to about 25-30 mph on streets with properly designed and spaced speed humps.



RAISED CROSSWALKS

A raised crosswalk is a variation of a flat-topped speed table with a crosswalk on top. It should be the same height as the curb. The approach should be straight, not parabolic or sinusoidal.



Raised crosswalk

TRAFFIC CALMING ROUNDABOUTS

Traffic calming roundabouts are a raised, traversable circle in the center of an intersection three inches tall. They can be used on local, residential streets with widths less than 35 feet and speed limits 30 mph or less.



Traffic calming roundabout

Spacing of Vertical Deflection Measures

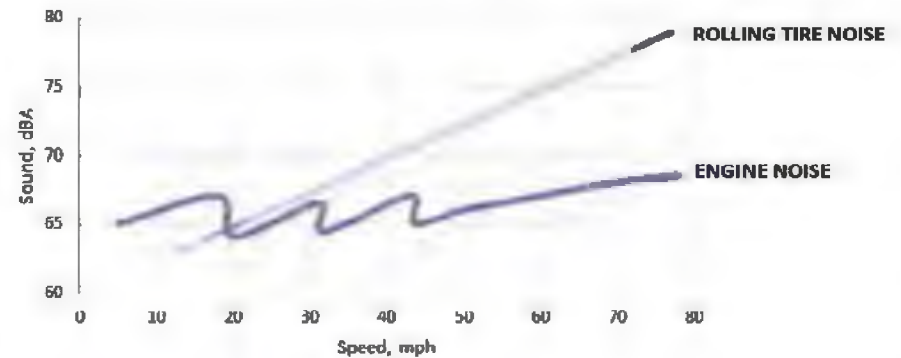
A single speed hump or speed table will only act as a point of speed control. Vehicles will slow down at the speed hump or table and then accelerate. A single isolated speed hump or table may have little effect and may have negative impacts. To be effective they need to be installed in a series.

Guidance on the proper spacing of speed humps and tables varies, but they are typically spaced 250 feet to 500 feet apart. Wider spacing produces higher vehicle speeds. The area which vertical deflection reduces speeds is 165-180 feet.

The Dutch space speed humps and tables with targeted speeds:

- 165 feet apart at 20 mph
- 260 – 330 feet apart for 30 mph
- Longer humps create higher speeds (11.5 – 15.7 feet)

Vertical grade: vertical deflection is not usually installed on grades 8% or more.



How Effective is Vertical Deflection?

Vertical deflection is highly effective at controlling vehicle speed. The ITE surveyed before and after studies of 125 vertical deflection projects installed since the year 2000 and found that the projects on average produced the following effects:

- Vehicles traveling 5+ mph over the speed limit – decreased by 74%
- Vehicles traveling 10+ mph over the speed limit decreased by 81%
- Typical traffic volume reduction = 20%

Noise Impacts of Vertical Deflection

The two primary sources of noise from motor vehicles are engine noise and rolling tire noise. Engine noise dominates up to about 25 mph. Above this speed rolling tire noise is more noticeable. Traffic calming reduces rolling tire noise by lowering vehicle speeds.

The ITE report concludes that the vertical deflection's net effect on road noise is minimal, but that some studies show a reduction of noise from cars by about 10%, but an increase in commercial truck noise by about 6% due to cargo shifting as the truck goes over a speed table. Speed humps reduced commercial truck noise by 2%. It is unclear why speed humps reduced commercial truck noise while speed tables increased it.

OTHER TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES

Radar Speed Feedback Signs

Radar speed feedback signs display the speed of a passing vehicle in comparison to the posted speed limit. Studies show they reduce speeds by 2-11 mph, but this effect may fade with time unless it is paired with regular police enforcement.

Lane Narrowing

Historically, wider travel lanes (11–13 feet) have been favored to create a more forgiving buffer for drivers. However, [studies](#) show that wider travel lanes result in higher vehicle speeds. Methodologies in the *Highway Capacity Manual* (HCM) predict an approximately 0.4 to 1.1 mph increase in speeds on two-lane highways for every 1 ft increase in lane width. The [Vermont State Design Standards](#) allow for lane widths of 10-12 feet on principle and minor arterial streets and roads and 9-11 feet on collector streets and roads depending on traffic volume and shoulder width. [Lane widths of 10 feet](#) are appropriate in urban areas and have a positive impact on safety without impacting traffic operations ([NACTO](#)).

Removing the Centerline

A study by Transport for London found that removing road centerlines resulted in a reduction in vehicle speeds by 5.4 to 8.8 mph. The [study](#) concluded that “center line removal introduces an element of uncertainty which is reflected in lower speeds”.

The [Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices](#), which governs road sign and lines in the US, does not require centerlines for all roads. The MUTCD states that:

“Center line markings **shall** be placed on all paved urban arterials and collectors that have a traveled way of 20 feet or more in width and an ADT of 6,000 vehicles per day or greater.”



It is very important to reduce speed in residential areas where there is potential for MV/pedestrian crash.

“Center line markings **should** also be placed on all rural arterials and collectors that have a traveled way of 18 feet or more in width and an ADT of 3,000 vehicles per day or greater.”

IMPLEMENTATION

What is a speeding problem?

There are no warrants for installing traffic calming measures, but the ITE found the following conditions exist where vertical deflection projects were installed:

- More than 25% of vehicles exceeding posted speed limit by 5+ mph.
- More than 10% of vehicles exceeding posted speed limit by 10+ mph.
- 85th percentile speed 7+ mph above posted speed limit.

It is important to note that the 85th percentile speed, which is often used in traffic studies to set speed limits, is more a measurement of vehicle performance than neighborhood livability and safety.

Public Input Process

Many jurisdictions have established a traffic calming program with a process for public input and approval. Many towns and cities with traffic calming programs require that most fronting residents approve a vertical deflection project on their street or road before it can be installed. The ITE found many municipalities require 67% approval, with a range of 51% to 75%.

It is important to survey residents after project definition, so they know what they are supporting.

Before and After Studies

A study should be done before and after a project. Studies may include:

- Vehicle speed
- Cut-through traffic
- Resident perception surveys
- Crash data
- Could also add pedestrian and cyclist level of comfort and traffic stress where applicable.

After studies should be done 6 months to a year after implementation. Crash data should be reviewed 2-3 years after implementation.

Construction

Most vertical deflection is constructed on existing roads to address residents' concerns, but they can be added during paving projects.

Most agencies use a template to achieve the sinusoidal and parabolic cross-sections.

Some have found installing asphalt concrete humps in two lifts or by hand is most accurate.

Getting the height correct is the most difficult part of construction.

Please see ITE book for detailed design and construction information.

Snowplowing

Vertical deflection projects have been successfully implemented in snowy places like Rochester, New York; Minneapolis, Minnesota; Toronto, Ontario; and Edmonton, Alberta; and Burlington, Vermont.

Sinusoidal (wave-like) approach cross-sections work better with snowplowing than parabolic approaches.

Many agencies use appropriate or specialized equipment (rubber-tipped plows), slightly raise the plow at vertical measures, and using salt at the measure.

It is important to mark speed tables/humps with warning signs so they can be seen if they are covered with snow.

“Vertical deflection/humps should be implemented to serve a purpose of improving neighborhood livability through reduced speeds and volume, supported by a community-driven transportation engineering review.”
-ITE

Common Mistakes

- Not following height recommendations (too high or low). Sweet spot is between 2.75 in. to 3.5 in.
- Lack of proper traffic control devices (signs and lines).
- “One speed hump/table is all we need.” A single isolated speed hump/table may have little effect and may have negative impacts.

- Not following process, data collection, coordination with fire officials, etc.
- Humps/tables too close to driveways. They should be at least one car length from a driveway.

Resources

[A Guide to Vertical Deflection Speed Reduction Techniques](#), by the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE), 2022. The book is available for purchase at the [ITE Bookstore](#), or can be borrowed from the BCRC.

[ITE/Federal Highway Administration \(FHWA\) Traffic Calming ePrimer](#) is a free, online resource.

[National Association of City Transportation Officials \(NACTO\)](#) has useful information on traffic calming in urban settings.

[Traffic Safety Toolbox: Speeding Countermeasures Toolbox for Vermont](#) is a resource developed by VTrans and UVM with examples from Vermont.

Traffic Calming



**Mark Anders, Senior Transportation Planner
Bennington County Regional Commission (BCRC)**

What we are asking

- Tonight:
 - BCRC seeks Select Board **approval** to work with DPW **to design & budget a pilot** project
 - Weigh in on potential pilot-project **locations** today: **perhaps the Monument Ave. Extension?**
- Long-term:
 - Pilot project plan & budget to be approved by Select Board at a future meeting
 - **Effectiveness to be studied** before and after implementation, and to be reported on
 - **Residents** in project location to be consulted/surveyed
 - Long-term: draft an **official town policy** for traffic calming in Bennington

Speeding = problems w safety and quality of life







Safety: 10 years in Bennington

- 4111 total crashes
- **777 Injury crashes**
- 10 fatal crashes





PEDESTRIAN CRASH SURVIVAL RATES

SPEED OF CAR



PEDESTRIAN CRASH SURVIVAL KEY

INJURED
SERIOUSLY INJURED
KILLED

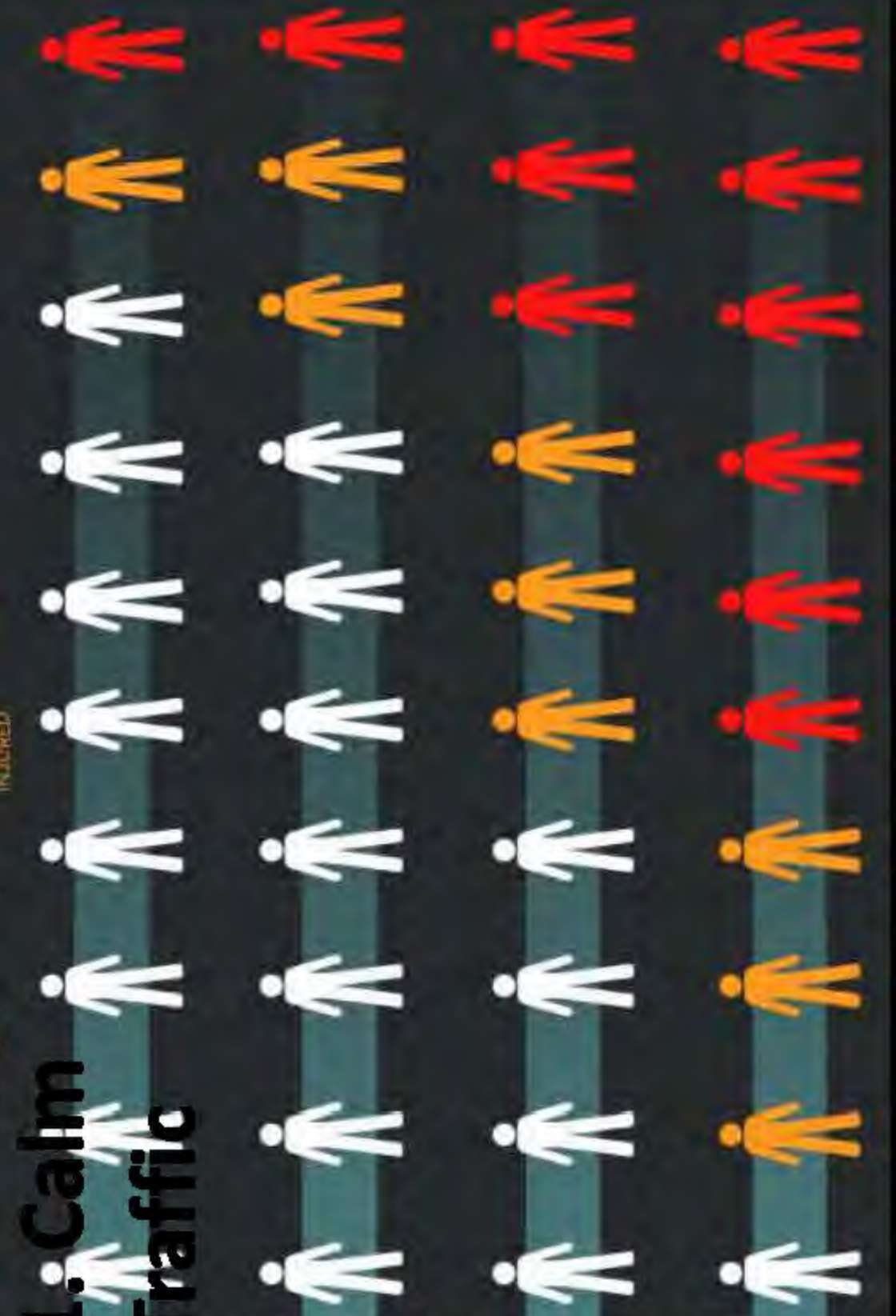
1. Calm
Traffic

20
MPH

25
MPH

35
MPH

45
MPH



TRAFFIC CALMING GUIDE

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SPRING, 2024 EDITION



Where would you drive slower? Why?



Figure 19. Contrasting Local Street Designs.





- 11-foot travel lanes
- Double-yellow centerline
- Narrow shoulder





Route 7A

- 50 MPH speed limit

- 11-foot travel lanes
- Double-yellow centerline
- Narrow shoulder



Monument Ave.

- 30 MPH speed limit

Small tweaks:

- Removing double-yellow centerline
- Narrowing travel lane widths (without removing asphalt, just repositioning white lines)

Radars Feedback Signs

- Average reduction of 2--11mph where installed
- Not for automatic ticketing(!)



Traffic Calming—Vertical Deflection

Speed Humps

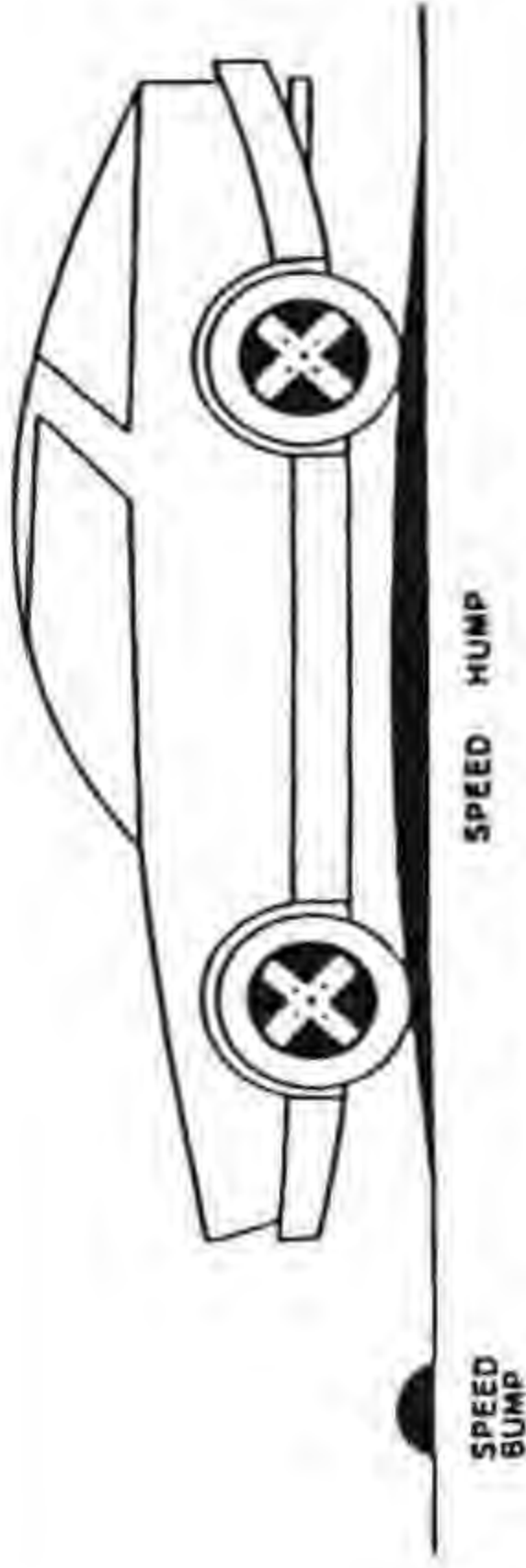


Figure 2. Speed Hump vs. Speed Bump.

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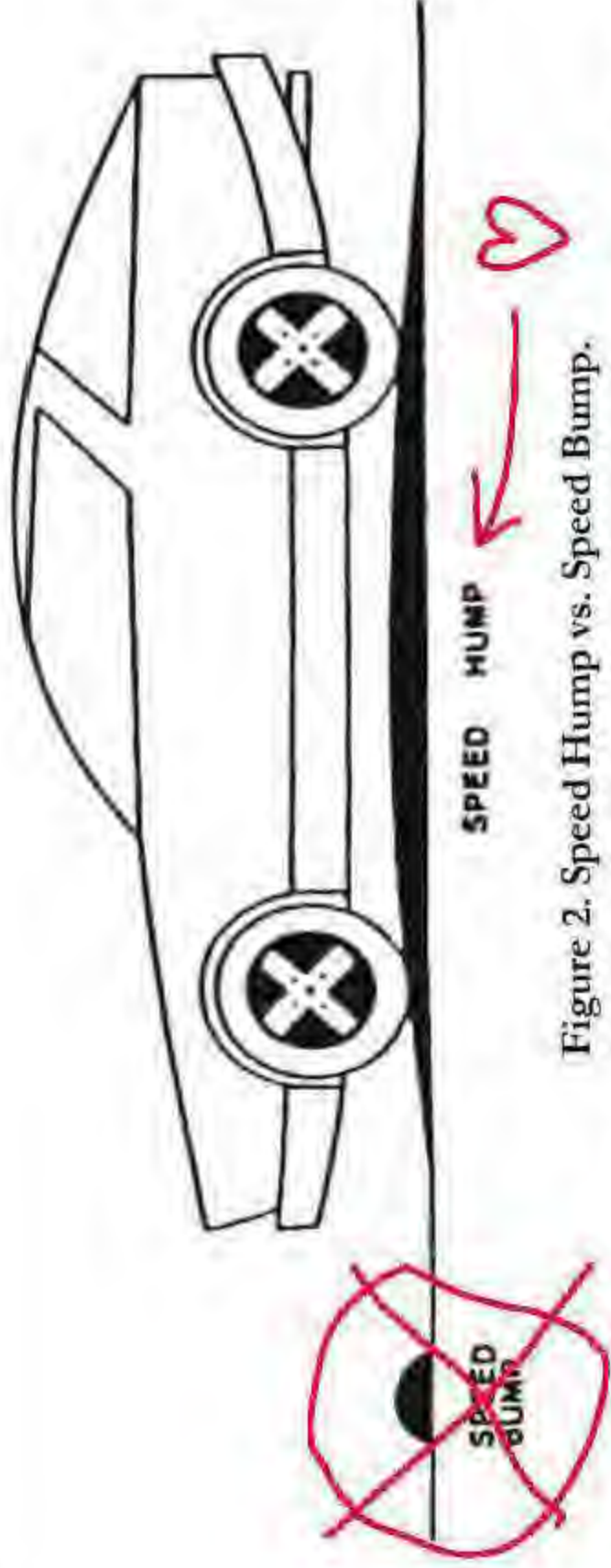


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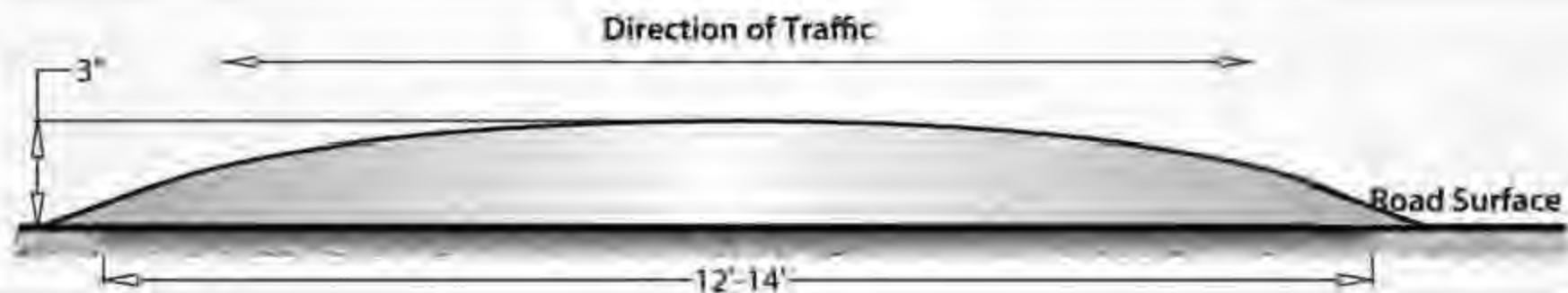






Figure 21. Uncurbed, Rural Speed Hump.



Dulac St, Lebanon, NH



90 Dulac St

Lebanon, New Hampshire

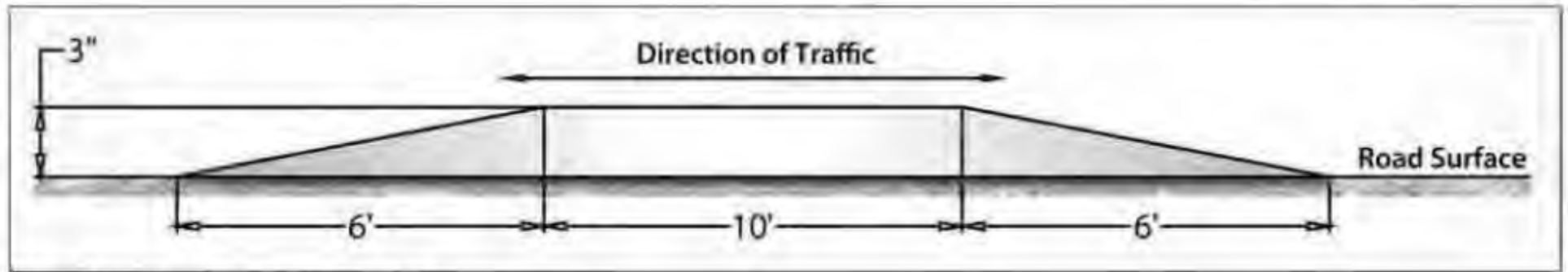


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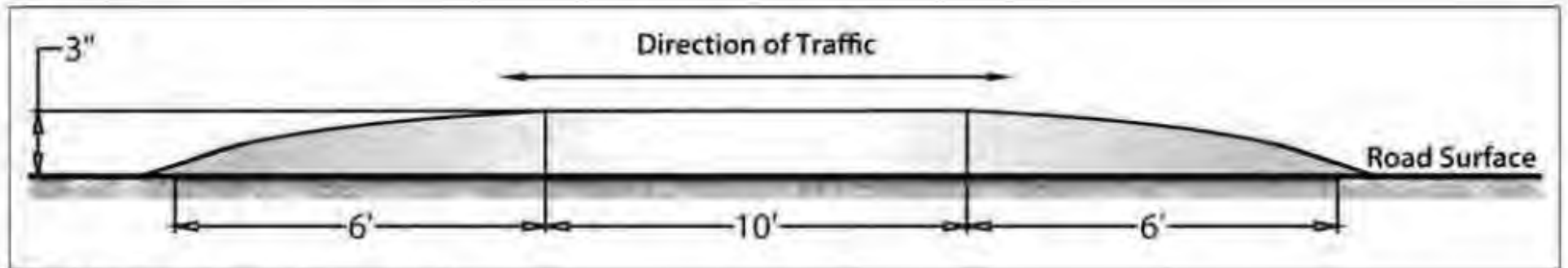
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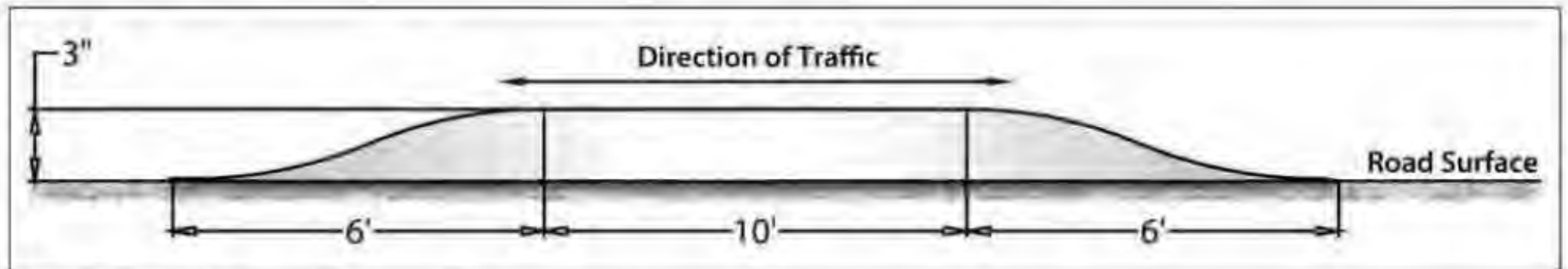




Note: Not to scale, straight approach.



Note: Not to scale, parabolic approach.



Note: Not to scale, sinusoidal approach.

Figure 37. Typical Speed Table Approach Slope Types.



Effects of vertical deflection (humps, tables)

Vehicles traveling 5+ mph over speed limit 74%



Vehicles traveling 10+ mph over speed limit 81%



Typical traffic volume reduction

20%



Traffic Calming Measures Discussed

- Removing centerline
- Narrowing travel lanes
- Radar Feedback Signs
- Speed humps
- Speed tables

What we are asking

- Tonight:
 - BCRC seeks Select Board **approval** to work with DPW **to design & budget a pilot** project
 - Weigh in on potential pilot-project **locations** today: **perhaps the Monument Ave. Extension?**
- Long-term:
 - Pilot project plan & budget to be approved by Select Board at a future meeting
 - **Effectiveness to be studied** before and after implementation, and to be reported on
 - **Residents** in project location to be consulted/surveyed
 - Long-term: draft an **official town policy** for traffic calming in Bennington

Potential locations for pilot project

- East Road
- South Stream Road
- Monument Ave. Extension

East Road

Crashes 1/1/10 - 8/20/24

● Property Damage Only Crash

● Injury Crash

Source: VTrans Crash Query Tool



South Stream Road
Crashes 1/1/10 - 8/20/24

- **Property Damage Only Crash**
- **Injury Crash**

Source: VTrans Crash Query Tool

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Monument Ave. Extension Crashes 1/1/10 - 8/20/24

- Property Damage Only Crash
- Injury Crash

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Speed hump/tables

Alternative 3: build out level – Minimum

500' spacing

Speed table/hump

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- Slope too steep for speed hump/table



Trial Area?



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300 ft



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Thank you!

Questions/comments?

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ITE RECOMMENDED PRACTICE



A Guide to Vertical Deflection Speed Reduction Techniques

Planning and Design of Speed Humps, Speed Tables and Other Related Measures

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Figure 56. Speed Hump Construction Template.



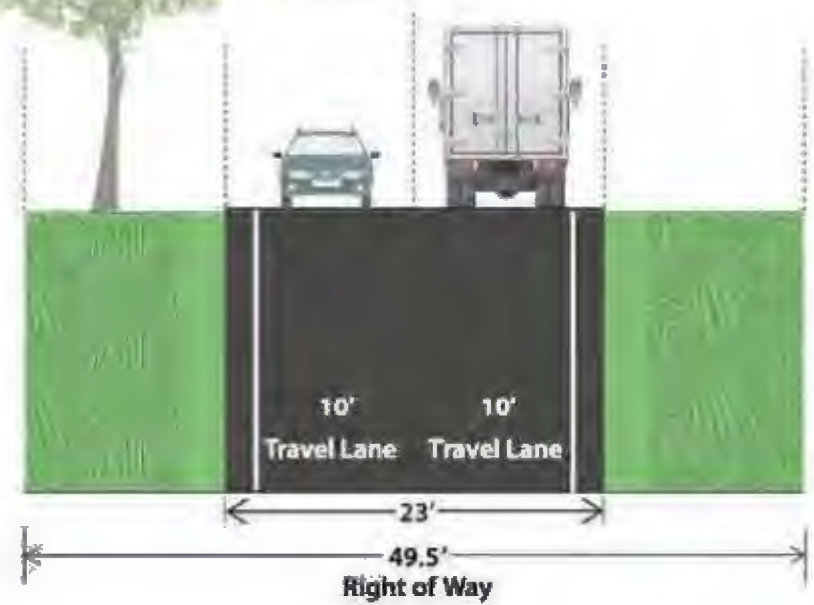
Monument Ave. Existing X-Section

Typical – widths vary



Monument Ave. Proposed X-Section

- Narrow travel lane from 11' to 10'
- Remove painted centerline



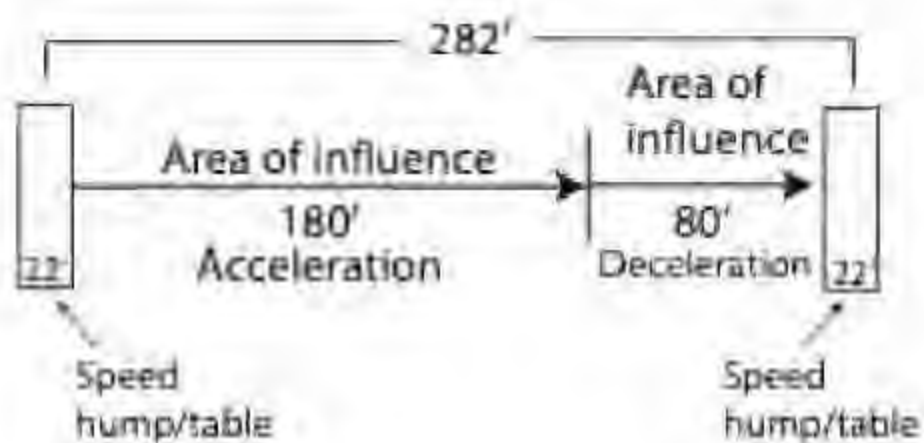
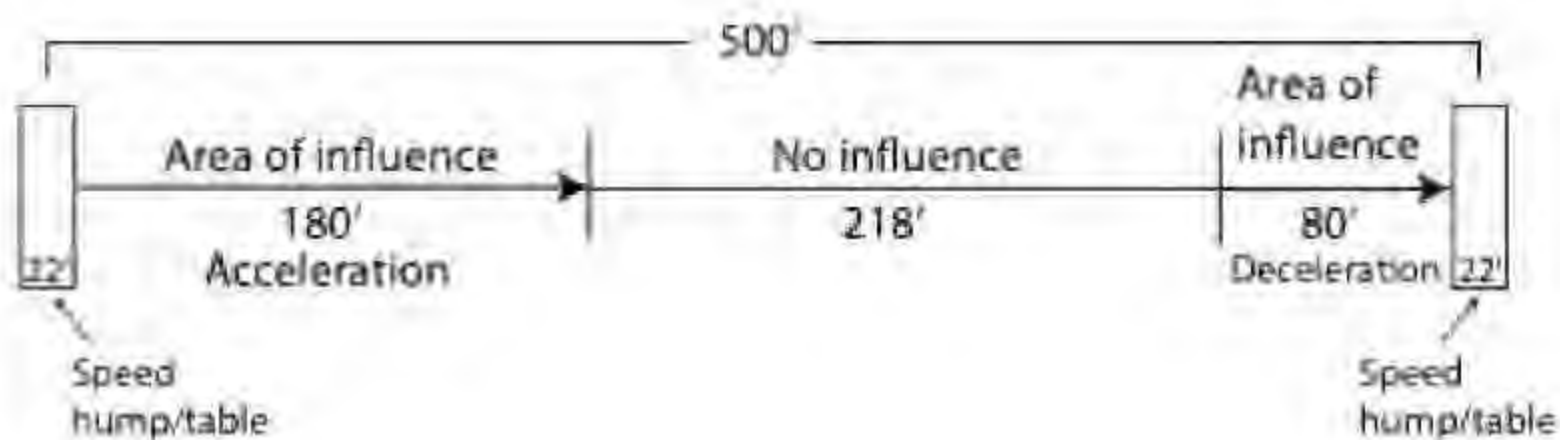




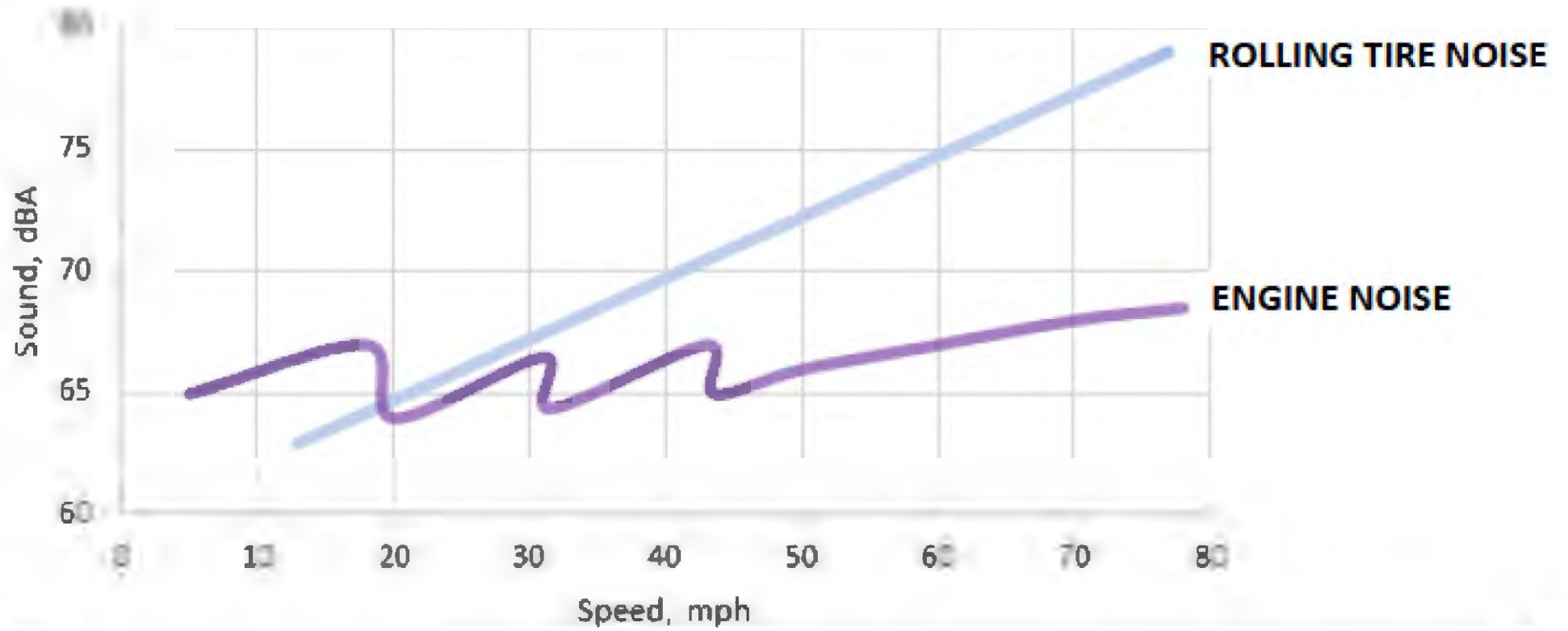
Figure 41. Example Traffic Calming Roundabout.





Ingwood Dr
Park, Maryland
Google Street View
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Ingwood Dr
AOL



Traffic Noise

Table E.2. Comparison of Noise Levels at Typical Residential Street Speeds.

	Car	Buses	Commercial Vehicles
Level road (control – no hump) dBA	71.0	73.7	79.7
Percent change from baseline dBA caused by:			
Narrow Cushions (5'7" or less)	-6.6%	+1.0%	+2.1%
Wide Cushions	-8.7%	-0.5%	+7.9%
Speed Humps	-10.1%	-3.9%	-2.1%
Speed Tables	-10.3%	-3.7%	+6.3%

Note: Data collected for typical residential speed of 45 km/h (28 mph).

Source: Adapted from Abbott, Tyler, Layfield, *Traffic Calming: Vehicle Noise Emissions Alongside Speed Control Cushions and Road Humps*, Transportation Research Laboratory Report 180, Department of Transport, Crowthorne, UK, 1995, Table 4, pg. 17.

Lebanon, New Hampshire



CRITERIA FOR STOP/YIELD SIGNS, SPEED TABLES, CROSSWALK LOCATIONS AND MARKINGS

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MONUMENT AVENUE TRAFFIC CALMING PLAN: SECTION 1: CARPENTER HILL RD. TO DEWEY ST.

BENNINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL COMMISSION



PRELIMINARY DRAFT: 8/28/2024

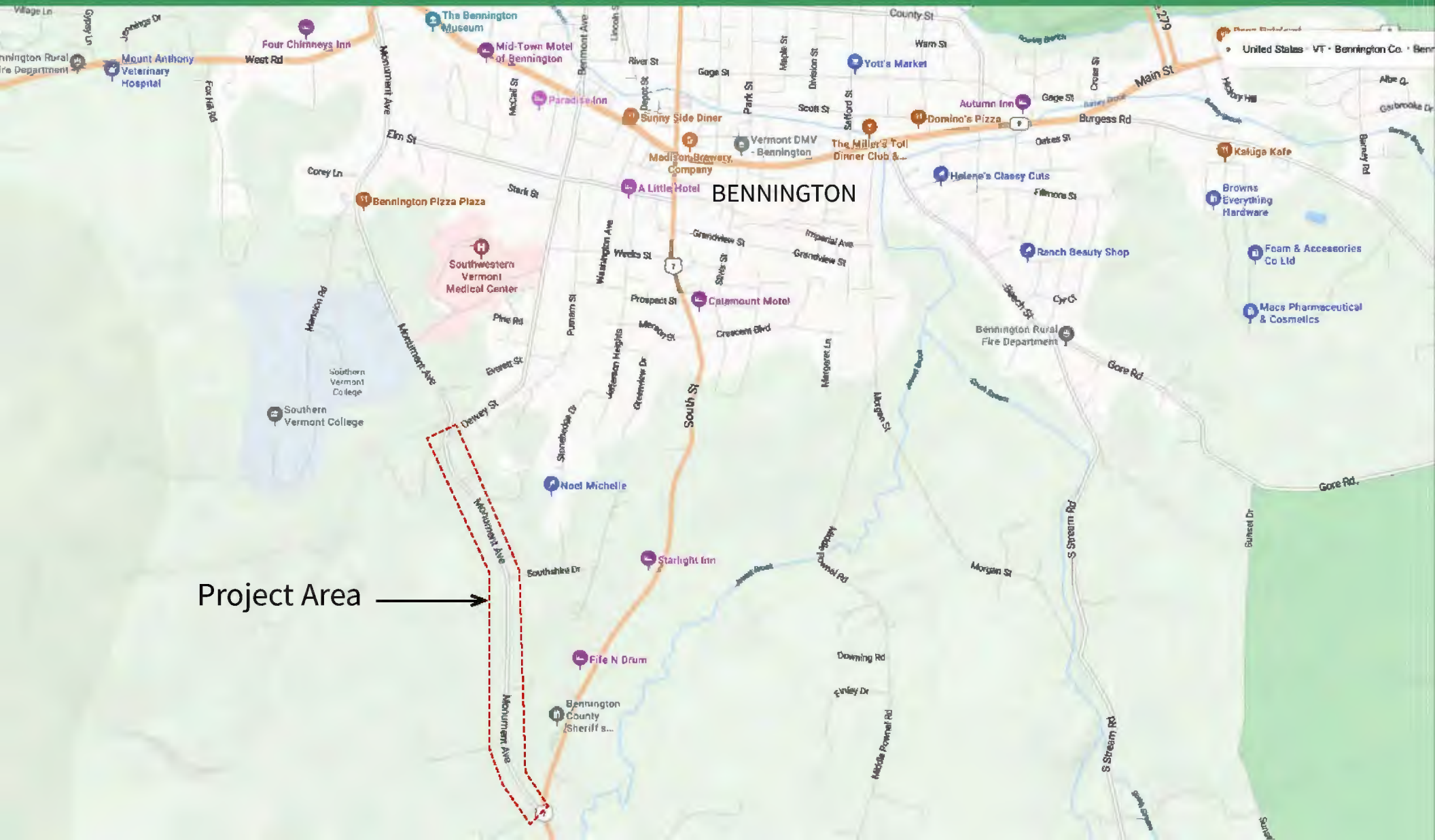


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PROJECT BACKGROUND & EXISTING CONDITIONS

PROJECT AREA

The project area is Monument Avenue between Carpenter Hill Road and Dewey Street. The BCRC is also conducting speed studies of upper Monument Avenue to evaluate potential future traffic calming projects to the north of Dewey Street.

HIGHWAY FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION

- Urban Major Collector,
- Federal Aid Urban Route

Collectors are major and minor roads that connect local roads and streets with arterials. Collectors provide less mobility than arterials at lower speeds and for shorter distances. They balance mobility with land access.

SPEED LIMIT

The speed limit on Monument Avenue in Bennington is 30 mph. The speed limit goes down to 25 mph in the Village of Old Bennington.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

All households on Monument Avenue between Carpenter Hill Road and Dewey Street were contacted by a citizens' group concerned about speeding on Monument Avenue. Most households expressed concern about speeding. There has not yet been a formal poll about the proposed traffic calming measures. Southwestern Vermont Medical Center and Alfred Weiss Real Estate, the developers of the resort on the former SVC campus, were also contacted and expressed support for addressing the speeding problem on Monument Avenue.

PROBLEM STATEMENT

Monument Avenue, between Carpenter Hill Road and Dewey Street, has a significant volume of cut-through traffic, with a concerning number of vehicles exceeding the speed limit. Cut-through traffic tends to be faster than local traffic. Many residents living along the corridor have expressed concern about unsafe conditions and negative impacts to quality of life from the traffic conditions. The situation is exacerbated by the presence of many driveways with limited sight distance, leaving residents pulling out of their driveways with dangerously short reaction times to avoid collisions with speeding vehicles. Moreover, the road serves as a route for pedestrians and cyclists, further escalating the risks posed by higher traffic speeds. It's crucial to note that pedestrian survival rates

in crashes decrease substantially as speeds rise: a pedestrian struck by a motor vehicle moving at 45mph is 6 times as likely to die from the incident, compared with a pedestrian struck by a motor vehicle moving at 25mph. Adding to the gravity of the situation, data reveals that there have been 33 motor vehicle crashes along this segment of Monument Avenue since 2010. These statistics underscore the urgent need for interventions to address the unsafe conditions and mitigate the negative impacts on the quality of life for residents in the area.

WHAT IS A SPEEDING PROBLEM?

There are no warrants for installing traffic calming measures, but the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) finds that the following conditions typically exist where vertical deflection projects are installed in the United States:

- More than 25% of vehicles exceeding posted speed limit by 5+ mph.
- More than 10% of vehicles exceeding posted speed limit by 10+ mph.
- 85th percentile speed 7+ mph above posted speed limit.

SPEED STUDY

Speed Study, Location 1: near 2365 Monument Ave.

Date: 4/16/2024 9:24 AM – 4/23/2024 9:29 AM

- 49% of vehicles exceeded posted speed limit by 5+ mph
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CRASH HISTORY

Time period: 1/1/2010 and 8/20/2024

- Property-damage-only crashes: 23
- Injury crashes: 11
- Total crashes: 34

Source: VTrans Crash Query Tool

TRAFFIC VOLUME

- 1,769 vehicles per day

Average from the two studies shown above

PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES

NARROW TRAVEL LANES

Existing conditions: travel lanes are mostly 11 feet wide on Monument Avenue in the project area but are as wide as 14.5 feet in places.

Proposal: narrow the travel lanes from 11 feet to 10 feet.

Historically, wider travel lanes (11–13 feet) have been favored to create a more forgiving buffer for drivers. However, [studies](#) show that wider travel lanes result in higher vehicle speeds. Methodologies in the *Highway Capacity Manual* (HCM) predict an approximately 0.4 to 1.1 mph increase in speeds on two-lane highways for every 1 ft increase in lane width. The [Vermont State Design Standards](#) allow for lane widths of 10–12 feet on principal and minor arterial streets and roads and 9–11 feet on 9–11 feet on collector streets and roads depending on traffic volume and shoulder width. [Lane widths of 10 feet](#) are appropriate in urban areas and have a positive impact on safety without impacting traffic operations ([NACTO](#)).

REMOVE CENTER LINE

Existing conditions: Monument Avenue in the project area has a double-yellow center line.

Proposal: remove the double-yellow center line.

A study by Transport for London found that removing road centerline resulted in a reduction in vehicle speeds by 5.4 to 8.8 mph. The [study](#) concluded that “center line removal introduces an element of uncertainty which is reflected in lower speeds”.

The [Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices](#), which governs road sign and lines in the US, does not require centerlines for all roads. The MUTCD states that:

“Center line markings **shall** be placed on all paved urban arterials and collectors that have a traveled way of 20 feet or more in width and an ADT of 6,000 vehicles per day or greater.”

“Center line markings **should** also be placed on all rural arterials and collectors that have a traveled way of 18 feet or more in width and an ADT of 3,000 vehicles per day or greater.”

INSTALL RADAR FEEDBACK SIGNS

Proposal: install two radar feedback signs, one in each direction.

Radar speed feedback signs display the speed of a passing vehicle in comparison to the posted speed limit. Studies show they reduce speeds by 2–11 mph, but this effect may fade with time unless it is paired with regular police enforcement.

INSTALL SPEED HUMPS OR SPEED TABLES

Proposal: Install speed humps or speed tables throughout the project area where the road’s slope does not exceed 7%. Speed humps are more effective at controlling speed than speed tables and are the preferred alternative for this project, but speed tables should be considered as an alternative.

A speed hump is an elongated mound in the road extending across the travel way at a right angle to the flow of traffic. It is typically 3–4 inches in height and 12 feet in length along the vehicle travel path axis. Vehicles slow to about 20–25 mph on streets with properly designed and spaced speed humps.

A speed table is longer than a speed hump (22–23 feet long) and supports the

entire wheel base of a motor vehicle. The longer length makes them gentler than speed humps. Speed tables work better with emergency vehicles and should be used instead of speed humps on primary emergency response routes. Vehicles slow to about 25–30 mph on streets with properly designed and spaced speed tables.

Preferred cross-section: *Sinusoidal* (wave-like) approaches are gentler and work better with bikes and snowplows.

Spacing of speed humps/tables on Monument Avenue

A single speed hump (or speed table) will only act as one point of speed control. Vehicles will slow down at the speed hump and then accelerate. A single isolated speed hump may have little effect and may have negative impacts. To be effective, speed humps need to be installed in a series.

Speed humps/tables slow traffic for about 260 feet (the “area of influence”). Vehicles decelerate about 80 feet before a speed hump/table and accelerate for about 180 feet after crossing a speed hump/table. Spacing speed humps/tables 250–300 feet apart provides a continuous traffic calming area of influence.

Three alternatives for spacing speed humps/tables on Monument Avenue in the project area:

1. Most effective traffic calming alternative: Install speed humps throughout the project area spaced 250–300 feet apart.
2. Medium effective traffic calming alternative: Install speed tables/humps 250–300 feet apart along road segments where residences are denser and where there were more motor vehicle crashes. Install speed humps/tables 500 feet apart where residences are less densely spaced and where there were fewer motor vehicle crashes.
3. Least effective traffic calming alternative: Install speed humps/tables every 500 feet throughout the corridor. 500 feet is the maximum spacing recommended for traffic-calming a corridor.



Many driveways have limited sight distance, leaving residents pulling out of their driveways with dangerously short reaction times to avoid collisions with speeding vehicles.



A recent crash on Monument Ave.



Horseback riding on Monument Avenue circa 1977. The road was frequently used for equestrian and agricultural activities in the years before cut-through traffic volume increased. Average daily traffic has more than doubled since the 1970's as GPS applications like Google Maps has steered motorists away from Bennington's downtown business district.



Traffic volume has increased significantly on Monument Avenue over the years. The road averaged 850 vehicles per day in 1976 and the BCRC measured an average of nearly 2,000 vehicles per day in 2024.



Many vehicles from Massachusetts now use Monument Avenue as a short-cut.



Many Bennington residents walk and bike on Monument Ave. Reducing vehicle speeds in areas with potential motor vehicle and pedestrian interactions is crucial. A pedestrian struck by a car traveling at 45 mph is twice as likely to die as one hit by a car traveling at 35 mph, and more than six times as likely to die as one hit by a car traveling at 25 mph.



Slope

≥7% slope too steep for speed hump/tables

— 0-6% Slope

— 7-10% Slope

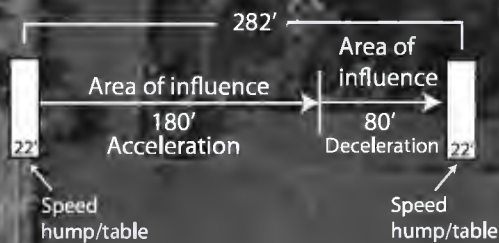


Speed hump/tables

Alternative 1: build out level – Maximum 250'-300' spacing

Speed table/hump (17 total)

- Area of influence - southbound traffic
- Area of influence - northbound traffic
- Slope too steep for speed hump/table



Install Radar feedback signs

Pilot Project Area?

Active pedestrian crossing

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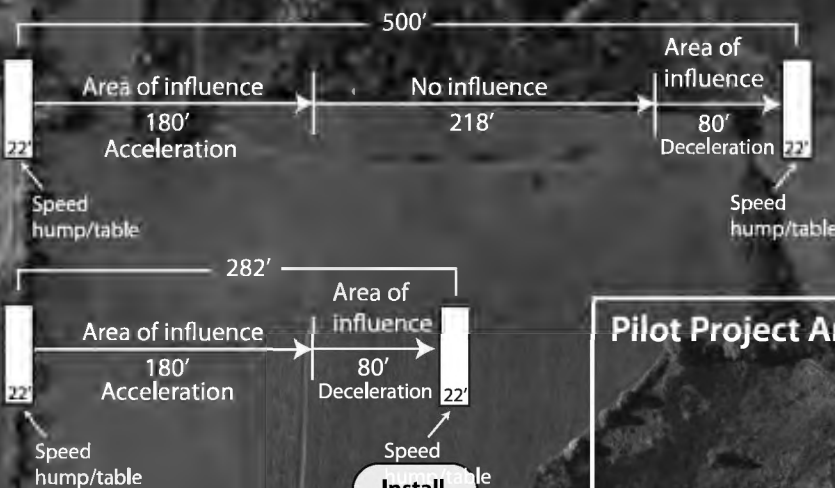
Alternative 2: build out level – Medium

250'-300' spacing in dense/high crash locations

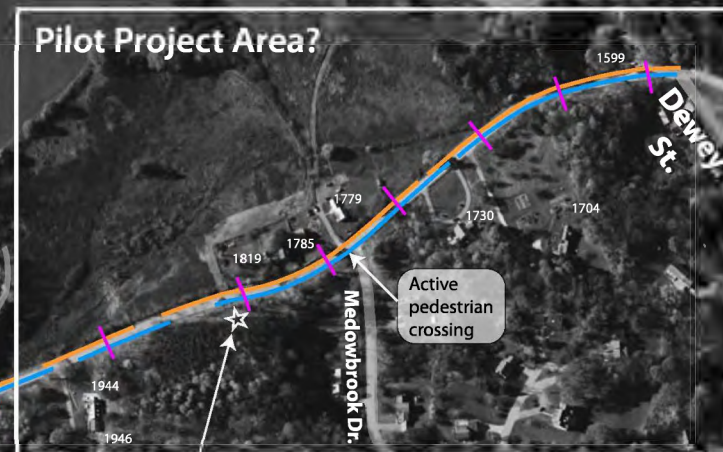
500' spacing in less dense locations

Speed table/hump (13 total)

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Speed hump/tables

Alternative 3: build out level – Minimum

500' spacing

Speed table/hump (10 total)

- Area of influence - northbound traffic
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Pilot Project Area?



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Radar
feedback
signs

Monument Ave.

Slope 10%

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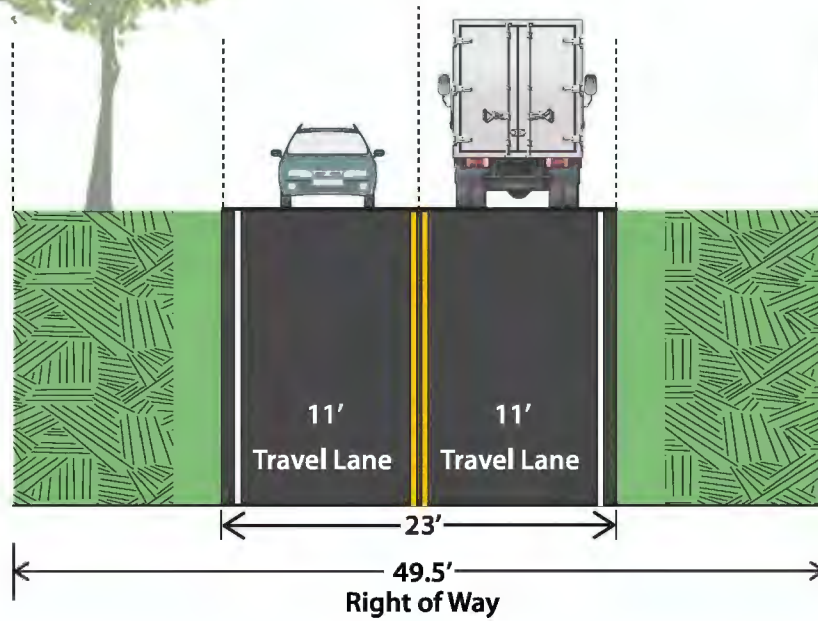
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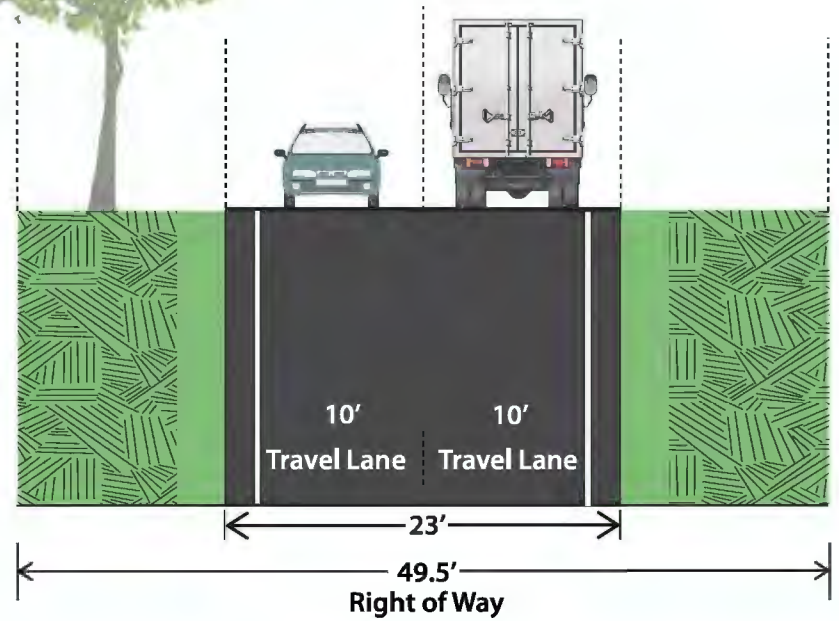
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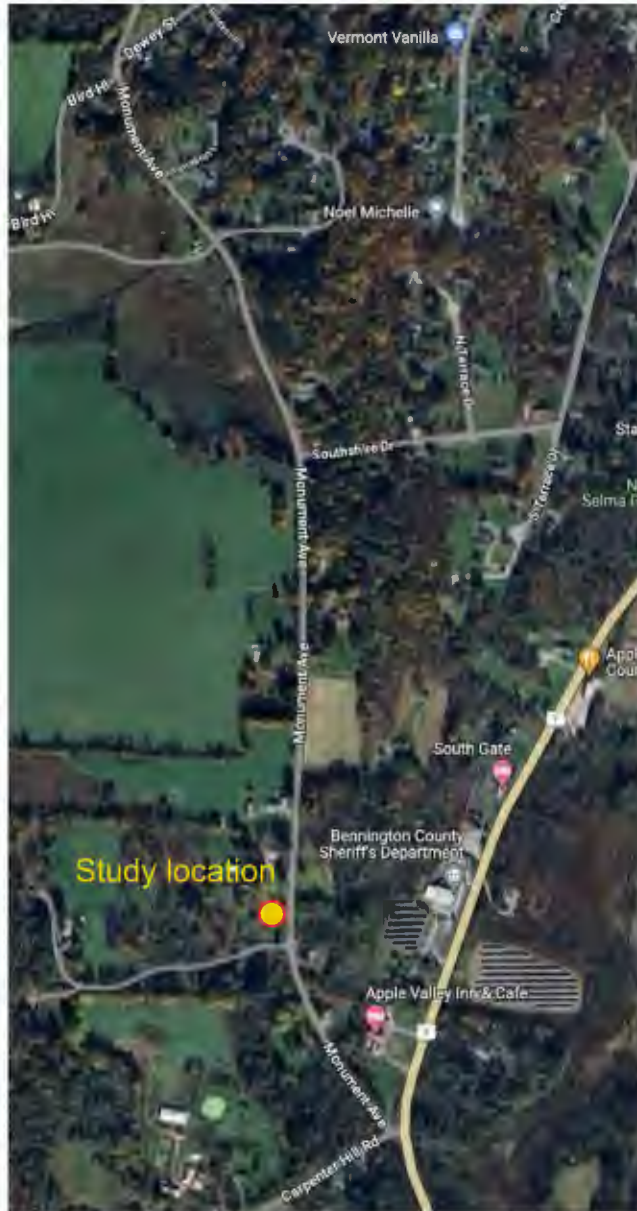
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Speed Study

Location: near 2365 Monument Ave.

4/16/2024 – 4/23/2024



SPEED DATA ANALYSIS

Location



Latitude: 0.000000
Longitude: 0.000000

Analysis Time Period



Start	End
4/16/2024 9:24 AM	4/23/2024 9:29 AM

Vehicles Analyzed



10,968

Speed Limit



30

Total Enforceable Violations



8,827

Average Speed



34

% Enforceable Violations



80%

Fastest Speed



61

Enforcement Rating

HIGH

Slowest Speed



7

Default Report Title
Use Preferences to Define Titles

Site Code:
Station ID:
Location 1:
Location 2:
Location 3:
Location 4:

Comment 1:
Comment 2:
Comment 3:
Comment 4:
Latitude: 0.000000
Longitude: 0.000000

Combined Lanes 4/16/2024 to 4/23/2024

Pace Speed - MPH

Classes Excluded From Pace: None

Speed	Number	Percent
30 - 39	7,704	70.2407%

Percentile Speeds

Percentile	5th	10th	15th	20th	25th	30th	35th	40th	45th	50th	55th	60th	65th	70th	75th	80th	85th	90th	95th	100th
Speed - MPH	23.5	27.2	29.1	30.3	31	31.6	32.2	32.8	33.5	34.1	34.7	35.3	35.9	36.6	37.2	37.8	39	40.3	42.2	60.8

Vehicles Traveling Greater Than 50.0 MPH

Total Volume	10,968
Total Greater Than 50.0	34
Percent Greater Than 50.0	0.3%

Mean, Median, and Mode Averages

Mean:	33.9
Median (50th %):	34.1
Mode:	36.0

Site Code:

Station ID:

Location 1:

Location 2:

Location 3:

Location 4:

Comment 1:

Comment 2:

Comment 3:

Comment 4:

Latitude: 0.000000

Longitude: 0.000000

Volume Sorted by Speed for 4/16/2024 to 4/23/2024

Combined

Speed (MPH)	Volume
8	1
9	2
10	3
11	10
12	14
13	9
14	19
15	10
16	28
17	35
18	24
19	68
20	42
21	82
22	91
23	60
24	134
25	157
26	99
27	290
28	165
29	464
30	823
31	444
32	1001
33	470
34	1093
35	1201
36	670
37	968
38	405
39	629
40	477
41	174
42	344
43	169
44	55
45	82
46	25
47	55
48	24
49	5
50	9
51	5
52	10
53	2
54	2
55	3
56	1
57	1
58	1

Site Code:

Station ID:

Location 1:

Location 2:

Location 3:

Location 4:

Comment 1:

Comment 2:

Comment 3:

Comment 4:

Latitude: 0.000000

Longitude: 0.000000

Volume Sorted by Speed for 4/16/2024 to 4/23/2024

Direction X, Lane 1

Speed (MPH)	Volume	Note: lane 1=southbound	
8	1		
9	2		
10	3		
11	4		
12	5		
13	6		
14	10		
15	3		
16	15		
17	12		
18	15		
19	34		
20	22		
21	51		
22	55		
23	35		
24	77		
25	87		
26	65		
27	193		
28	105		
29	277		
30	438		
31	251		
32	565		
33	249		
34	580		
35	651		
36	297		
37	552		
38	225		
39	361		
40	285		
41	103		
42	185		
43	103		
44	34		
45	42		
46	17		
47	23		
48	13		
49	3		
50	3		
51	2		
52	7		
53	2		
54	2		
55	2		
56	1		
57	1		
58	1		

Site Code:

Station ID:

Location 1:

Location 2:

Location 3:

Location 4:

Volume Sorted by Speed for 4/16/2024 to 4/23/2024

Comment 1:

Comment 2:

Comment 3:

Comment 4:

Latitude: 0.000000

Longitude: 0.000000

Direction X, Lane 2

Speed (MPH)	Volume
8	0
9	0
10	0
11	6
12	9
13	3
14	9
15	7
16	13
17	23
18	9
19	34
20	20
21	31
22	36
23	25
24	57
25	70
26	34
27	97
28	60
29	187
30	385
31	193
32	436
33	221
34	513
35	550
36	373
37	416
38	180
39	268
40	192
41	71
42	159
43	66
44	21
45	40
46	8
47	32
48	11
49	2
50	6
51	3
52	3
53	0
54	0
55	1
56	0
57	0
58	0

LENGTH DATA ANALYSIS

Location



Latitude: 0.000000
Longitude: 0.000000

Analysis Time Period



Start	End
4/23/2024 12:00 AM	4/30/2024 8:45 AM

Vehicles Analyzed



10,786

0 to 8'

0 to 8'
Volume: 127
Pct of Total: 1.2%
Average Speed: 29 MPH
Average Length: 5' 2"

>8 to 20'

>8 to 20'
Volume: 10,325
Pct of Total: 95.7%
Average Speed: 34 MPH
Average Length: 13' 10"

>20 to 40'

>20 to 40'
Volume: 310
Pct of Total: 2.9%
Average Speed: 33 MPH
Average Length: 25' 9"

>40 to 70'

>40 to 70'
Volume: 24
Pct of Total: 0.2%
Average Speed: 32 MPH
Average Length: 46' 5"

>70'

>70'
Volume: 0
Pct of Total: 0.0%
Average Speed: 0 MPH
Average Length: 0' 0"

Default Report Title
Use Preferences to Define Titles

Site Code:
Station ID:
Location 1:
Location 2:
Location 3:
Location 4:

Note: lane 1=southbound

Comment 1:
Comment 2:
Comment 3:
Comment 4:
Latitude: 0.000000
Longitude: 0.000000

4/16/2024	Direction X, Lane 1	Direction X, Lane 2	Total
Time			
12:00 AM	*	*	0
1:00	*	*	0
2:00	*	*	0
3:00	*	*	0
4:00	*	*	0
5:00	*	*	0
6:00	*	*	0
7:00	*	*	0
8:00	*	*	0
9:00	33	36	69
10:00	56	38	94
11:00	70	48	118
12:00 PM	68	56	124
1:00	60	54	114
2:00	76	67	143
3:00	98	60	158
4:00	107	50	157
5:00	78	49	127
6:00	68	37	105
7:00	33	22	55
8:00	18	19	37
9:00	13	5	18
10:00	4	11	15
11:00	8	2	10
Total	790	554	1344
Percent	58.8%	41.2%	
AM Peak	11:00	11:00	11:00
Volume	70	48	118
PM Peak	4:00	2:00	3:00
Volume	107	67	158

Site Code:
Station ID:
Location 1:
Location 2:
Location 3:
Location 4:

Comment 1:
Comment 2:
Comment 3:
Comment 4:
Latitude: 0.000000
Longitude: 0.000000

4/17/2024	Direction X, Lane 1	Direction X, Lane 2	Total
Time			
12:00 AM	7	0	7
1:00	0	0	0
2:00	1	1	2
3:00	0	4	4
4:00	3	7	10
5:00	7	14	21
6:00	19	41	60
7:00	42	83	125
8:00	65	65	130
9:00	47	55	102
10:00	49	55	104
11:00	79	43	122
12:00 PM	65	50	115
1:00	72	53	125
2:00	75	62	137
3:00	105	60	165
4:00	101	61	162
5:00	63	49	112
6:00	58	32	90
7:00	39	22	61
8:00	20	19	39
9:00	16	5	21
10:00	6	5	11
11:00	12	3	15
Total	951	789	1740
Percent	54.7%	45.3%	
AM Peak	11:00	7:00	8:00
Volume	79	83	130
PM Peak	3:00	2:00	3:00
Volume	105	62	165

Default Report Title
Use Preferences to Define Titles

Site Code:
Station ID:
Location 1:
Location 2:
Location 3:
Location 4:

Comment 1:
Comment 2:
Comment 3:
Comment 4:
Latitude: 0.000000
Longitude: 0.000000

4/18/2024	Direction X, Lane 1	Direction X, Lane 2	Total
Time			
12:00 AM	8	1	9
1:00	0	1	1
2:00	0	2	2
3:00	0	2	2
4:00	1	8	9
5:00	5	9	14
6:00	15	34	49
7:00	49	65	114
8:00	58	80	138
9:00	49	51	100
10:00	52	49	101
11:00	47	43	90
12:00 PM	77	41	118
1:00	40	47	87
2:00	66	44	110
3:00	94	62	156
4:00	110	54	164
5:00	86	44	130
6:00	48	30	78
7:00	37	22	59
8:00	10	17	27
9:00	8	15	23
10:00	3	12	15
11:00	12	3	15
Total	875	736	1611
Percent	54.3%	45.7%	
AM Peak	8:00	8:00	8:00
Volume	58	80	138
PM Peak	4:00	3:00	4:00
Volume	110	62	164

Site Code:
Station ID:
Location 1:
Location 2:
Location 3:
Location 4:

Comment 1:
Comment 2:
Comment 3:
Comment 4:
Latitude: 0.000000
Longitude: 0.000000

4/19/2024	Direction X, Lane 1	Direction X, Lane 2	Total
Time			
12:00 AM	6	3	9
1:00	3	1	4
2:00	0	1	1
3:00	0	1	1
4:00	2	2	4
5:00	2	17	19
6:00	23	26	49
7:00	34	73	107
8:00	51	63	114
9:00	35	47	82
10:00	64	44	108
11:00	70	47	117
12:00 PM	63	59	122
1:00	61	50	111
2:00	82	61	143
3:00	102	66	168
4:00	99	54	153
5:00	86	40	126
6:00	49	34	83
7:00	37	19	56
8:00	26	14	40
9:00	25	22	47
10:00	14	19	33
11:00	11	8	19
Total	945	771	1716
Percent	55.1%	44.9%	
AM Peak	11:00	7:00	11:00
Volume	70	73	117
PM Peak	3:00	3:00	3:00
Volume	102	66	168

Site Code:
Station ID:
Location 1:
Location 2:
Location 3:
Location 4:

Comment 1:
Comment 2:
Comment 3:
Comment 4:
Latitude: 0.000000
Longitude: 0.000000

4/20/2024	Direction X, Lane 1	Direction X, Lane 2	Total
Time			
12:00 AM	4	1	5
1:00	1	0	1
2:00	2	1	3
3:00	0	0	0
4:00	0	1	1
5:00	6	5	11
6:00	11	18	29
7:00	19	23	42
8:00	16	33	49
9:00	35	32	67
10:00	72	49	121
11:00	69	47	116
12:00 PM	78	40	118
1:00	81	49	130
2:00	65	43	108
3:00	73	38	111
4:00	61	37	98
5:00	52	32	84
6:00	39	23	62
7:00	26	11	37
8:00	18	18	36
9:00	18	15	33
10:00	12	8	20
11:00	6	3	9
Total	764	527	1291
Percent	59.2%	40.8%	
AM Peak	10:00	10:00	10:00
Volume	72	49	121
PM Peak	1:00	1:00	1:00
Volume	81	49	130

Default Report Title
Use Preferences to Define Titles

Site Code:	Comment 1:
Station ID:	Comment 2:
Location 1:	Comment 3:
Location 2:	Comment 4:
Location 3:	Latitude: 0.000000
Location 4:	Longitude: 0.000000

4/21/2024	Direction X, Lane 1	Direction X, Lane 2	Total
Time			
12:00 AM	6	1	7
1:00	0	1	1
2:00	2	1	3
3:00	1	0	1
4:00	1	0	1
5:00	1	4	5
6:00	5	12	17
7:00	16	11	27
8:00	17	18	35
9:00	31	25	56
10:00	59	32	91
11:00	52	52	104
12:00 PM	49	38	87
1:00	52	47	99
2:00	62	36	98
3:00	60	48	108
4:00	43	45	88
5:00	48	28	76
6:00	29	31	60
7:00	25	12	37
8:00	16	18	34
9:00	12	5	17
10:00	4	5	9
11:00	6	1	7
Total	597	471	1068
Percent	55.9%	44.1%	
AM Peak	10:00	11:00	11:00
Volume	59	52	104
PM Peak	2:00	3:00	3:00
Volume	62	48	108

Default Report Title
Use Preferences to Define Titles

Site Code:
Station ID:
Location 1:
Location 2:
Location 3:
Location 4:

Comment 1:
Comment 2:
Comment 3:
Comment 4:
Latitude: 0.000000
Longitude: 0.000000

4/22/2024	Direction X, Lane 1	Direction X, Lane 2	Total
Time			
12:00 AM	1	1	2
1:00	2	0	2
2:00	2	1	3
3:00	1	1	2
4:00	1	3	4
5:00	3	19	22
6:00	26	45	71
7:00	59	85	144
8:00	55	78	133
9:00	46	46	92
10:00	55	47	102
11:00	63	46	109
12:00 PM	70	34	104
1:00	63	60	123
2:00	89	57	146
3:00	100	77	177
4:00	122	71	193
5:00	92	40	132
6:00	52	31	83
7:00	34	17	51
8:00	22	11	33
9:00	15	10	25
10:00	8	7	15
11:00	7	2	9
Total	988	789	1777
Percent	55.6%	44.4%	
AM Peak	11:00	7:00	7:00
Volume	63	85	144
PM Peak	4:00	3:00	4:00
Volume	122	77	193

Default Report Title
Use Preferences to Define Titles

Site Code:
Station ID:
Location 1:
Location 2:
Location 3:
Location 4:

Comment 1:
Comment 2:
Comment 3:
Comment 4:
Latitude: 0.000000
Longitude: 0.000000

4/23/2024	Direction X, Lane 1	Direction X, Lane 2	Total
Time			
12:00 AM	7	1	8
1:00	1	1	2
2:00	1	2	3
3:00	0	1	1
4:00	0	3	3
5:00	4	13	17
6:00	25	43	68
7:00	59	85	144
8:00	53	77	130
9:00	21	24	45
10:00	*	*	0
11:00	*	*	0
12:00 PM	*	*	0
1:00	*	*	0
2:00	*	*	0
3:00	*	*	0
4:00	*	*	0
5:00	*	*	0
6:00	*	*	0
7:00	*	*	0
8:00	*	*	0
9:00	*	*	0
10:00	*	*	0
11:00	*	*	0
Total	171	250	421
Percent	40.6%	59.4%	
AM Peak	7:00	7:00	7:00
Volume	59	85	144
PM Peak			
Volume			
Grand Total	6081	4887	10968
Percent	55.4%	44.6%	
ADT		ADT: 1,371	AADT: 1,371



Speed Study

Location: near 1819 Monument Ave.

4/16/2024 – 4/23/2024



SPEED DATA ANALYSIS

Location



Latitude: 0.000000
Longitude: 0.000000

Analysis Time Period



Start	End
4/30/2024 9:43 AM	5/7/2024 9:55 AM

Vehicles Analyzed



13,798

Speed Limit



30

Total Enforceable Violations



12,778

Average Speed



36

% Enforceable Violations



93%

Fastest Speed



68

Enforcement Rating

HIGH

Slowest Speed



7

Default Report Title
Use Preferences to Define Titles

Site Code:
Station ID:
Location 1:
Location 2:
Location 3:
Location 4:

Comment 1:
Comment 2:
Comment 3:
Comment 4:
Latitude: 0.000000
Longitude: 0.000000

Combined Lanes 4/30/2024 to 5/7/2024

Pace Speed - MPH

Classes Excluded From Pace: None

Speed	Number	Percent
31 - 40	10,487	76.00377%

Percentile Speeds

Percentile	5th	10th	15th	20th	25th	30th	35th	40th	45th	50th	55th	60th	65th	70th	75th	80th	85th	90th	95th	100th
Speed - MPH	29.1	31	31.6	32.8	33.5	34.1	34.7	35.3	35.3	35.9	36.6	37.2	37.8	38.4	39	39.7	40.3	41.5	43.4	68.3

Vehicles Traveling Greater Than 50.0 MPH

Total Volume	13,798
Total Greater Than 50.0	54
Percent Greater Than 50.0	0.4%

Mean, Median, and Mode Averages

Mean:	36.1
Median (50th %):	35.9
Mode:	36.0

Site Code:

Station ID:

Location 1:

Location 2:

Location 3:

Location 4:

Comment 1:

Comment 2:

Comment 3:

Comment 4:

Latitude: 0.000000

Longitude: 0.000000

Volume Sorted by Speed for 4/30/2024 to 5/7/2024

Combined

Speed (MPH)	Volume
10	2
11	1
12	3
13	0
14	2
15	1
16	4
17	5
18	1
19	8
20	3
21	13
22	17
23	9
24	41
25	64
26	62
27	143
28	99
29	286
30	563
31	415
32	964
33	502
34	1406
35	1706
36	942
37	1646
38	724
39	1235
40	947
41	412
42	609
43	335
44	132
45	171
46	70
47	113
48	38
49	21
50	23
51	6
52	17
53	10
54	3
55	3
56	1
57	3
58	0
59	0
60	0

Site Code:

Station ID:

Location 1:

Location 2:

Location 3:

Location 4:

Volume Sorted by Speed for 4/30/2024 to 5/7/2024

Comment 1:

Comment 2:

Comment 3:

Comment 4:

Latitude: 0.000000

Longitude: 0.000000

Direction X, Lane 1

Note: lane 1=northbound

Speed (MPH)	Volume
10	0
11	1
12	2
13	0
14	1
15	1
16	2
17	5
18	1
19	8
20	2
21	10
22	10
23	4
24	27
25	41
26	37
27	85
28	59
29	172
30	350
31	214
32	539
33	264
34	717
35	772
36	401
37	679
38	319
39	517
40	360
41	160
42	210
43	129
44	60
45	59
46	29
47	38
48	8
49	7
50	8
51	1
52	4
53	2
54	0
55	1
56	1
57	1
58	0
59	0
60	0

Site Code:

Station ID:

Location 1:

Location 2:

Location 3:

Location 4:

Comment 1:

Comment 2:

Comment 3:

Comment 4:

Latitude: 0.000000

Longitude: 0.000000

Volume Sorted by Speed for 4/30/2024 to 5/7/2024

Direction X, Lane 2

Note: Lane 2=southbound

Speed (MPH)	Volume
10	2
11	0
12	1
13	0
14	1
15	0
16	2
17	0
18	0
19	0
20	1
21	3
22	7
23	5
24	14
25	23
26	25
27	58
28	40
29	114
30	213
31	201
32	425
33	238
34	689
35	934
36	541
37	967
38	405
39	718
40	587
41	252
42	399
43	206
44	72
45	112
46	41
47	75
48	30
49	14
50	15
51	5
52	13
53	8
54	3
55	2
56	0
57	2
58	0
59	0
60	0

LENGTH DATA ANALYSIS

Location



Latitude: 0.000000
Longitude: 0.000000

Analysis Time Period



Start	End
4/30/2024 12:00 AM	5/7/2024 9:55 AM

Vehicles Analyzed



13,798

0 to 8'

0 to 8'
Volume: 329
Pct of Total: 2.4%
Average Speed: 35 MPH
Average Length: 5' 2"

>8 to 20'

>8 to 20'
Volume: 12,660
Pct of Total: 91.8%
Average Speed: 36 MPH
Average Length: 14' 9"

>20 to 40'

>20 to 40'
Volume: 766
Pct of Total: 5.6%
Average Speed: 35 MPH
Average Length: 24' 7"

>40 to 70'

>40 to 70'
Volume: 43
Pct of Total: 0.3%
Average Speed: 34 MPH
Average Length: 44' 0"

>70'

>70'
Volume: 0
Pct of Total: 0.0%
Average Speed: 0 MPH
Average Length: 0' 0"

Default Report Title
Use Preferences to Define Titles

Site Code:
Station ID:
Location 1:
Location 2:
Location 3:
Location 4:

Note: lane 1 is southbound, lane 2 is northbound

Comment 1:
Comment 2:
Comment 3:
Comment 4:
Latitude: 0.000000
Longitude: 0.000000

4/30/2024	Direction X, Lane 1	Direction X, Lane 2	Total
Time			
12:00 AM	*	*	0
1:00	*	*	0
2:00	*	*	0
3:00	*	*	0
4:00	*	*	0
5:00	*	*	0
6:00	*	*	0
7:00	*	*	0
8:00	*	*	0
9:00	14	23	37
10:00	71	53	124
11:00	65	70	135
12:00 PM	54	92	146
1:00	79	62	141
2:00	77	92	169
3:00	76	134	210
4:00	73	130	203
5:00	57	104	161
6:00	40	47	87
7:00	20	31	51
8:00	10	18	28
9:00	6	15	21
10:00	6	11	17
11:00	5	11	16
Total	653	893	1546
Percent	42.2%	57.8%	
AM Peak	10:00	11:00	11:00
Volume	71	70	135
PM Peak	1:00	3:00	3:00
Volume	79	134	210

Default Report Title
 Use Preferences to Define Titles

Site Code:
 Station ID:
 Location 1:
 Location 2:
 Location 3:
 Location 4:

Note: lane 1 is southbound, lane 2 is northbound

Comment 1:
 Comment 2:
 Comment 3:
 Comment 4:
 Latitude: 0.000000
 Longitude: 0.000000

5/1/2024	Direction X, Lane 1	Direction X, Lane 2	Total
Time			
12:00 AM	1	3	4
1:00	1	1	2
2:00	0	3	3
3:00	4	1	5
4:00	7	3	10
5:00	20	9	29
6:00	41	24	65
7:00	115	59	174
8:00	86	68	154
9:00	67	70	137
10:00	64	67	131
11:00	56	94	150
12:00 PM	46	79	125
1:00	58	89	147
2:00	73	102	175
3:00	75	130	205
4:00	95	118	213
5:00	66	105	171
6:00	48	80	128
7:00	48	46	94
8:00	23	47	70
9:00	9	18	27
10:00	6	7	13
11:00	2	8	10
Total	1011	1231	2242
Percent	45.1%	54.9%	
AM Peak	7:00	11:00	7:00
Volume	115	94	174
PM Peak	4:00	3:00	4:00
Volume	95	130	213

Default Report Title
Use Preferences to Define Titles

Site Code:
Station ID:
Location 1:
Location 2:
Location 3:
Location 4:

Comment 1:
Comment 2:
Comment 3:
Comment 4:
Latitude: 0.000000
Longitude: 0.000000

5/2/2024	Direction X, Lane 1	Direction X, Lane 2	Total
Time			
12:00 AM	5	2	7
1:00	0	7	7
2:00	1	2	3
3:00	1	3	4
4:00	7	2	9
5:00	20	11	31
6:00	40	23	63
7:00	107	63	170
8:00	86	74	160
9:00	69	65	134
10:00	80	67	147
11:00	53	89	142
12:00 PM	71	100	171
1:00	74	63	137
2:00	96	109	205
3:00	82	120	202
4:00	87	138	225
5:00	74	110	184
6:00	42	55	97
7:00	30	43	73
8:00	22	33	55
9:00	14	22	36
10:00	10	8	18
11:00	2	15	17
Total	1073	1224	2297
Percent	46.7%	53.3%	
AM Peak	7:00	11:00	7:00
Volume	107	89	170
PM Peak	2:00	4:00	4:00
Volume	96	138	225

Default Report Title
Use Preferences to Define Titles

Site Code:	Comment 1:
Station ID:	Comment 2:
Location 1:	Comment 3:
Location 2:	Comment 4:
Location 3:	Latitude: 0.000000
Location 4:	Longitude: 0.000000

5/3/2024	Direction X, Lane 1	Direction X, Lane 2	Total
Time			
12:00 AM	1	4	5
1:00	0	0	0
2:00	1	1	2
3:00	1	2	3
4:00	8	3	11
5:00	15	5	20
6:00	40	27	67
7:00	96	53	149
8:00	101	75	176
9:00	54	63	117
10:00	68	81	149
11:00	81	93	174
12:00 PM	74	90	164
1:00	88	87	175
2:00	74	97	171
3:00	82	106	188
4:00	69	126	195
5:00	63	89	152
6:00	52	72	124
7:00	30	52	82
8:00	18	39	57
9:00	18	22	40
10:00	11	11	22
11:00	4	9	13
Total	1049	1207	2256
Percent	46.5%	53.5%	
AM Peak	8:00	11:00	8:00
Volume	101	93	176
PM Peak	1:00	4:00	4:00
Volume	88	126	195

Default Report Title
Use Preferences to Define Titles

Site Code:
Station ID:
Location 1:
Location 2:
Location 3:
Location 4:

Comment 1:
Comment 2:
Comment 3:
Comment 4:
Latitude: 0.000000
Longitude: 0.000000

5/4/2024	Direction X, Lane 1	Direction X, Lane 2	Total
Time			
12:00 AM	3	12	15
1:00	0	1	1
2:00	0	0	0
3:00	0	0	0
4:00	1	5	6
5:00	8	8	16
6:00	23	6	29
7:00	34	24	58
8:00	37	25	62
9:00	56	55	111
10:00	67	70	137
11:00	71	102	173
12:00 PM	86	86	172
1:00	35	84	119
2:00	59	93	152
3:00	58	77	135
4:00	35	85	120
5:00	56	56	112
6:00	30	46	76
7:00	34	43	77
8:00	20	32	52
9:00	19	21	40
10:00	10	12	22
11:00	8	11	19
Total	750	954	1704
Percent	44.0%	56.0%	
AM Peak	11:00	11:00	11:00
Volume	71	102	173
PM Peak	12:00 PM	2:00	12:00 PM
Volume	86	93	172

Default Report Title
Use Preferences to Define Titles

Site Code:	Comment 1:
Station ID:	Comment 2:
Location 1:	Comment 3:
Location 2:	Comment 4:
Location 3:	Latitude: 0.000000
Location 4:	Longitude: 0.000000

5/5/2024	Direction X, Lane 1	Direction X, Lane 2	Total
Time			
12:00 AM	6	7	13
1:00	2	9	11
2:00	2	2	4
3:00	2	2	4
4:00	1	0	1
5:00	4	0	4
6:00	13	4	17
7:00	19	17	36
8:00	18	29	47
9:00	27	39	66
10:00	46	39	85
11:00	57	67	124
12:00 PM	44	59	103
1:00	38	65	103
2:00	44	60	104
3:00	34	64	98
4:00	30	41	71
5:00	36	44	80
6:00	23	25	48
7:00	20	26	46
8:00	9	13	22
9:00	10	10	20
10:00	7	6	13
11:00	3	5	8
Total	495	633	1128
Percent	43.9%	56.1%	
AM Peak	11:00	11:00	11:00
Volume	57	67	124
PM Peak	12:00 PM	1:00	2:00
Volume	44	65	104

Default Report Title
Use Preferences to Define Titles

Site Code:
Station ID:
Location 1:
Location 2:
Location 3:
Location 4:

Comment 1:
Comment 2:
Comment 3:
Comment 4:
Latitude: 0.000000
Longitude: 0.000000

5/6/2024	Direction X, Lane 1	Direction X, Lane 2	Total
Time			
12:00 AM	1	5	6
1:00	0	0	0
2:00	1	0	1
3:00	1	1	2
4:00	6	1	7
5:00	15	4	19
6:00	47	20	67
7:00	103	50	153
8:00	94	63	157
9:00	62	64	126
10:00	59	60	119
11:00	64	71	135
12:00 PM	50	73	123
1:00	70	58	128
2:00	81	94	175
3:00	73	113	186
4:00	70	129	199
5:00	45	118	163
6:00	41	58	99
7:00	23	40	63
8:00	15	28	43
9:00	8	12	20
10:00	6	9	15
11:00	2	8	10
Total	937	1079	2016
Percent	46.5%	53.5%	
AM Peak	7:00	11:00	8:00
Volume	103	71	157
PM Peak	2:00	4:00	4:00
Volume	81	129	199

Default Report Title
Use Preferences to Define Titles

Site Code:
Station ID:
Location 1:
Location 2:
Location 3:
Location 4:

Comment 1:
Comment 2:
Comment 3:
Comment 4:
Latitude: 0.000000
Longitude: 0.000000

5/7/2024	Direction X, Lane 1	Direction X, Lane 2	Total
Time			
12:00 AM	2	3	5
1:00	0	1	1
2:00	2	0	2
3:00	1	0	1
4:00	7	2	9
5:00	18	7	25
6:00	48	23	71
7:00	102	57	159
8:00	118	85	203
9:00	64	69	133
10:00	*	*	0
11:00	*	*	0
12:00 PM	*	*	0
1:00	*	*	0
2:00	*	*	0
3:00	*	*	0
4:00	*	*	0
5:00	*	*	0
6:00	*	*	0
7:00	*	*	0
8:00	*	*	0
9:00	*	*	0
10:00	*	*	0
11:00	*	*	0
Total	362	247	609
Percent	59.4%	40.6%	
AM Peak	8:00	8:00	8:00
Volume	118	85	203
PM Peak			
Volume			
Grand Total	6330	7468	13798
Percent	45.9%	54.1%	
ADT		ADT: 1,725	AADT: 1,725

DRAFT PROTOCOL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON CAT TV FACEBOOK LIVE STREAMS

Revised 09/04/24

CURRENT SITUATION:

Select Board meetings are recorded by CAT TV. A recorded version of the meeting is saved to CAT TV's account on [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and that is what is linked from the town's website. There are currently no comments on the CAT TV [Youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) recorded videos that I reviewed, but comments are allowed. They are also streamed live on the CAT TV Facebook page. People can comment on the CAT TV Facebook live feed during the meeting, and those comments are not filtered or moderated during the meeting. People are using the comment feature on the Facebook live feed, from a low of one person to a high of 36 over the three months reviewed. At some point after a meeting is held, CAT TV staff may review the CAT TV Facebook video comments and remove some. Saved versions of that Facebook video and remaining comments are available on the CAT TV Facebook page but nowhere else.

CONCERNS

Public Comments Are Lost:

Comments made on the livestream do not become part of the public record and are not reviewed by staff or town officials so those comments are in a real sense "lost". People commenting on the livestream may have an expectation that their comments are being heard by decision makers when they are not. Comments made on the Facebook live stream are not able to be moderated in real time so personal attacks and other inappropriate or offensive comments are not preventable.

Public Records Retention:

The Town is required to maintain all public records — pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 317a (Management of Public Records) all public records are considered permanent unless destruction has been authorized under a record schedule approved by the State Archivist or by law. This can include comments on a social media page if the content is unique to a social media site and not also existing on the Town website. For example, a member of Town government or elected official, or member of a government body, commission, or board, participating in comments or answering questions could be

considered to have created a public record. We currently avoid this legal issue by not allowing any comments on our Facebook page.

Our Communications policy states (reviewed and approved by counsel, and approved by the Select Board):

Item #1, Section A: The following social media platforms are hereby designated as government speech forums for the Town of Bennington: **Facebook**, Instagram.

Item #1, Section C: The purpose of using Town of Bennington social media accounts is to serve as a government speech forum to provide residents with community information and important notices and to communicate directly with community members in real time regarding critical incidents, traffic closures, natural disasters, evacuations, and other matters of public safety. **The Town does not use social media accounts to solicit input or to answer requests for information.**

Town Communication Policy on TOWN Accounts VS Other Accounts:

While unfiltered comments are specifically not allowed on Town controlled social media accounts as per Town policy, CAT TV is a separate entity and as such is unable to filter comments the way we do on Town controlled social media accounts. They can disallow comments, but that would require a request from the Select Board for that to happen.

Confusion About Comments:

Users of Facebook may have a expectation that comments they make about a Select Board meeting on CAT TV's account as it is happening are being heard. As noted above, because we have no control over CAT TV's Facebook account and we are not involved in any review of comments, people may feel that the Town is unresponsive to an issue when that is not the case.

What Are Other Organizations Doing?

For those government agencies that allow comments on social media posts, strict moderation of those comments are in place to ensure that they follow established guidelines in place for comments. I have not seen examples where government is actively monitoring live streams as they happen (meaning that all comments are reviewed prior to being approved in real time).

Some examples:

VT GOVERNOR: <https://governor.vermont.gov/content/social-media-policy-0>
NOAA: <https://response.restoration.noaa.gov/social-media-comment-policy>
US DEPT. OF INTERIOR: <https://www.doi.gov/employees/dmguide/website-and-social-media-basics#comments>

SOLUTION:

Comment Form:

Move the comments off of the Facebook livestream and instead direct them to a comment form on the Town website where all comments can be read, collected, and shared with the Select Board and become part of the public record. Similarly, the same protocol would be used on recorded versions of the meeting on CAT TV's [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com) account directing people to comment on the Town website. This will facilitate those who wish to be heard and allow their concerns to be directed to the Select Board where action can be taken and ensure that we are in compliance with all Open Meeting Laws and Public Records keeping requirements. The Select Board will be provided with all comments prior to each subsequent meeting. Anyone can request the comments by asking for them.

NOTE:

CAT TV has the ability to provide a link to a comment form from their live Facebook feed. Specific details of how things are linked on social media accounts change relatively frequently. Details on where and how people are directed to provide comment may change over time due to changes outside our control. The protocol would be fixed in that people are provided direction on how to make comments, while the implementation will vary as those change over time. Having the Select Board chair note how viewers can comment at the start of each meeting might be an additional way to keep people updated.

CAT-TV Facebook Page

Non-Hidden Comments

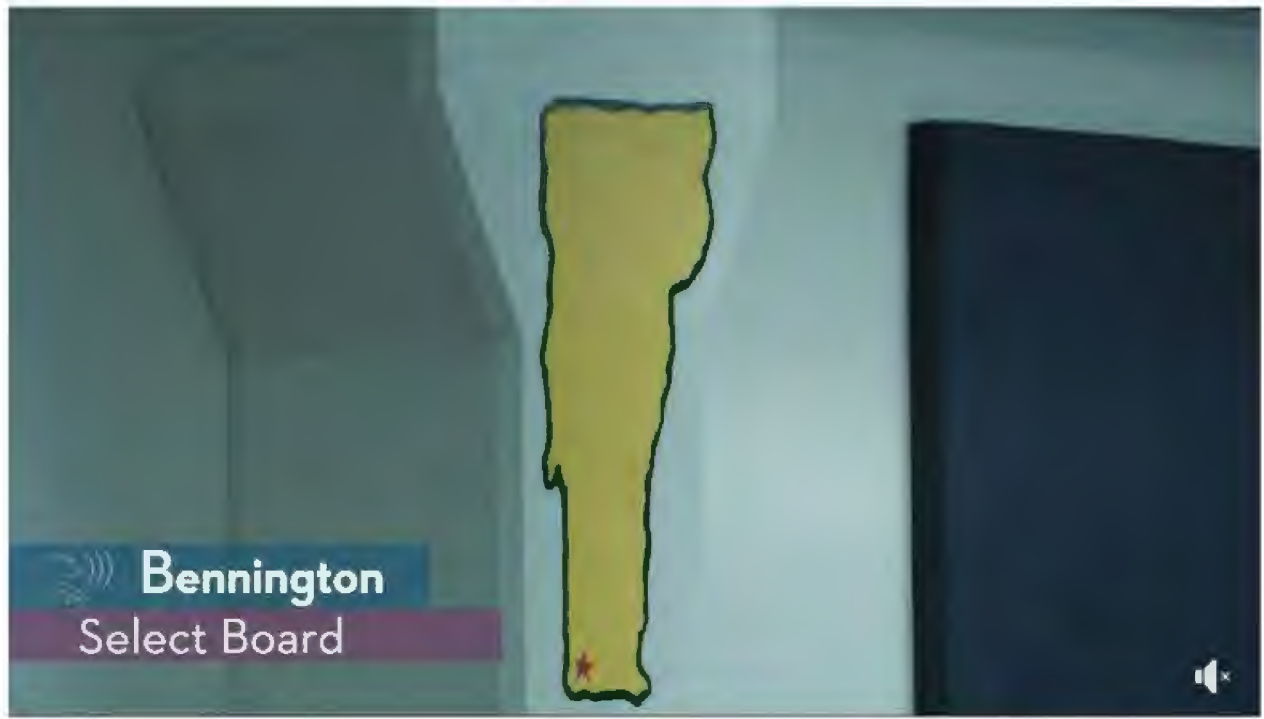
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Welcome to the June 10th Bennington Select Board meeting!



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Bw Like Reply



Leigh Anne Hall Parks

The BCRC study specifically states that they would look to VTrans for their expertise to help with ROW acquisition from the private property owners. Further Williams College release a study, presented to the BCRC where they state that Eminent Domain May be needed. Dan is full of it.

Bw Like Reply Hide



Joey Kulkin

Actually, Shannon Barsotti started the BCM from her home and gave herself a \$200K town loan and applied for the \$2.2M in federal funds. The fact remains that \$235K marked for 4 executive jobs have gone unfilled. These are ghost jobs.

Bw Like Reply Hide



Joey Kulkin

Then you get a group of strong men and women and carry them down. Cat Bryers is flat out ignoring these seniors when they say they feel "like prisoners" in their own homes.

Bw Like Reply Hide



Chloe Collins ♥

Joey Kulkin Shires is the most predatory organization I've ever worked with - they should be criminally charged for how they treat tenants. Cat charged the shelter months rent when we didn't even have keys, refused basic repairs and worse.



Reply to Joey Kulkin



Joey Kulkin

This resident said the busted elevator makes them feel "like prisoners" and Cat can't offer anything of substance.

8w Like Reply Hide



Joey Kulkin

The easy solution right now, until the elevator is fixed, is to get a group of high school and college kids to show up to Cora B. Whitney every day from 8 till 5 to carry heavy items to the units and/or help the elderly "prisoners" up and down the stairs if they have appointments.

8w Like Reply Hide Edited



Joey Kulkin

Clapping for an org that treats seniors like prisoners.

8w Like Reply Hide



Jiminy Cricket

St. Haley probably needs STASH program. Town employee Jonah Spivak had to sue Haley for rent.

8w Like Reply Hide



Joey Kulkin

I think Haley gave up vice chair when someone paid the judgment against him. Nobody walks away from vice chair after one year especially when the chair plans to retire from the board next year.

8w Like Reply Hide



Jiminy Cricket ▼

What? This lady is telling the seniors they have to wait for a grant to get elevator fixed in a senior citizen home!!!

8w Like Reply Hide



Joey Kulkin

Will every board member please turn on their microphone?

8w Like Reply Hide



Joey Kulkin

It's an elevator. It's not a million dollar fix. The town has money in reserve to fix the elevator. The town can then bill Shires.

8w Like Reply Hide



Leigh Anne Hall Parks

Cat Bryers was a big part of that Trolley Path "study" as well.

8w Like Reply Hide



Joey Kulkin

Where does the water that goes thru the culvert come from?

8w Like Reply Hide



Joey Kulkin

Does Ed not understand the whole microphone thing?

8w Like Reply Hide



Jiminy Cricket ▼

Benn taxpayers have representatives on BCRC because BCRC receives \$\$\$\$Taxpayer

8w Like Reply Hide



Jiminy Cricket

Benn taxpayers have representatives on BCRC because BCRC receives \$\$\$\$Taxpayer \$\$\$\$ from Town.

8w Like Reply Hide



Jiminy Cricket

Absolutely do NOT put struggling poor folks there so Bolio can live nice.

8w Like Reply Hide



Jiminy Cricket

This non profit receives millions as do their contractors

There is absolutely no reason for these Cora b folks to be without an elevator for a week

8w Like Reply Hide



Jiminy Cricket

Stu, silence would have been best. 🤔

8w Like Reply Hide



Emily C. Perkins

So who can investigate?

8w Like Reply Hide



Jiminy Cricket

Why would Chair Jenkins ask Maria to face a certain way!!!?

8w Like Reply Hide



Jiminy Cricket

Why would Chair Jenkins ask Maria to face a certain way!!!?

8w Like Reply Hide



Jiminy Cricket

Shires and contractors pay themselves first

8w Like Reply Hide



Jiminy Cricket

Property is actually owned by family of RJ Joly

8w Like Reply Hide



Jiminy Cricket

BowenRoad is sandwiched between 2 superfund sites. ...

8w Like Reply Hide



Sammy Restino

How is the mainstream of shires

8w Like Reply Hide



Jiminy Cricket

It is NOT appropriate for housing

8w Like Reply Hide



Sammy Restino

Joe some physical cant manage the stairs

8w Like Reply Hide



Emily C. Perkins

That's my dad 🤝❤️

8w Like Reply Hide



Sammy Restino  [Follow](#)

These contractors need to lower the repair prices. The suppliers need to come down on supplies

[@w](#) [Like](#) [Reply](#) [Hide](#)



Sammy Restino  [Follow](#)

They need to apply grant money to repair before new construction

[@w](#) [Like](#) [Reply](#) [Hide](#)



Jiminy Cricket 

Wtf elevator down in senior building!!!

[@w](#) [Like](#) [Reply](#) [Hide](#)



Jiminy Cricket 

It's the Jard superfund site!!!

[@w](#) [Like](#) [Reply](#) [Hide](#)



Sammy Restino  [Follow](#)

Construction supplies contractors cant be ahead of 8 ball

[@w](#) [Like](#) [Reply](#) [Hide](#)



Jiminy Cricket 

Great job Ned Nancy Clark!

[@w](#) [Like](#) [Reply](#) [Hide](#)



Sammy Restino  [Follow](#)

I can imagine the repairs. Windows. Roof. Heating plumbing electrical fire alarm

[@w](#) [Like](#) [Reply](#) [Hide](#)



Jiminy Cricket 

It's a Superfund Site



Sammy Restino  [Follow](#) ...

8w Like Reply Hide



Jiminy Cricket 
It's a superfund site

8w Like Reply Hide



Sammy Restino  [Follow](#)
See it's maintenance and repairs

8w Like Reply Hide



Jiminy Cricket 
Joly is a Town employee

8w Like Reply Hide



Sammy Restino  [Follow](#)
Yes lots on money to repair

8w Like Reply Hide



Sammy Restino  [Follow](#)
Non profits

8w Like Reply Hide



Jiminy Cricket 
No elevator for a week!?

8w Like Reply Hide



Sammy Restino  [Follow](#)
Maintenance



Sammy Restino   [Follow](#)

Wait ten years gets worse

...

8w Like Reply Hide



Jiminy Cricket 

Wonder why Chair Jenkins didn't issue a statement regarding how she's been standing in front of a Jewish HOME and business for 6 months demonstrating in support of the terrorist group HAMAS....

8w Like Reply Hide

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 Jiminy Cricket replied · 1 Reply



Joey Kulkin

The BCRC will try to run roughshod over 50 property owners like Stu/RJ did to the Legge family of Pownal.

8w Like Reply Hide Edited

2 



Leigh Anne Hall Parks

Joey Kulkin no doubt. We contacted the Select Board under Don Campbell along with Dan and Stu about the fact that the BCRC never engaged the property owners for this path. Jeanie and Dan stand there and act like this is all brand new to them. Dan acting as if it's so far fetched that they would take land from property owners. How do these people sleep at night.

8w Like Reply Hide





Joey Kulkin

Easy to sleep when you don't have a conscience. The 50 of you need to follow the lead of Art Legge, get a good lawyer, and protect your land at all costs.



Jeffrey Grimshaw · [Follow](#)

When will you christen the Mary Morrissy Splash Pad?

8w Like Reply Hide Edited



Jiminy Cricket

Show the proof Monks

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8w Like Reply Hide



All Rise

Ned

8w Like Reply Hide



Joey Kulkin

\$235K in ghost jobs.

8w Like Reply Hide



Jiminy Cricket

What!

8w Like Reply Hide



Jiminy Cricket

Wtf

8w Like Reply Hide



Jiminy Cricket

Ned!

8w Like Reply Hide

 Jiminy Cricket  ...
Wow

8w [Like](#) [Reply](#) [Hide](#)

 Jiminy Cricket 
What!

8w [Like](#) [Reply](#) [Hide](#)

 Jiminy Cricket 
Wtf

8w [Like](#) [Reply](#) [Hide](#)

 Jiminy Cricket 
Catch up rate?

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 Sammy Restino   [Follow](#)
At this time

8w [Like](#) [Reply](#) [Hide](#)

 Jiminy Cricket 
It's a big problem

8w [Like](#) [Reply](#) [Hide](#)

 Kim Perrotta
Wow that's ridiculous.

8w [Like](#) [Reply](#) [Hide](#)

 Jiminy Cricket 
Lawsuit, even

8w [Like](#) [Reply](#) [Hide](#)



Jiminy Cricket

Lawsuit, even

...

8w Like Reply Hide



Jiminy Cricket

Been on my list"

8w Like Reply Hide



Sammy Restino [Follow](#)

The rite to live.

8w Like Reply Hide



Jiminy Cricket

Yes big issues

8w Like Reply Hide



Joey Kulkin

Not Balint. It was Welch.

8w Like Reply Hide



Jiminy Cricket

Sure Tony put the frickin poor folks already struggling in a frickin Superfund Site!!!

8w Like Reply Hide



Jiminy Cricket

Wake up

Tony Bolio couldn't sell it cuz it's a EPA Superfund Site

8w Like Reply Hide



Jiminy Cricket 
Simplest

8w Like Reply Hide



Jiminy Cricket 
Shame on you Selectboard

8w Like Reply Hide



Joey Kulkin replied - 1 Reply



Jiminy Cricket 
Not trustworthy ...

8w Like Reply Hide



Jiminy Cricket 
Town lies

8w Like Reply Hide

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Alright. Um online one 80.

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3:17 / 2:40:05

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Jimmy Cricket

Benn Free Library received Ppp loan and never told taxpayers. They are funded by local taxpayers and we're not supposed to receive ppp loan. The Town, You, already fund the library. They are using this money to pay folks like SB Gary Corey. Lol

...

8w **Unhide**



Joey Kulkin

Do any of the ducks have 3 eyes?

8w **Unhide**

Hidden by this Page is selected, so other comments have been filtered out except related replies that provide context. To reply to a comment you've unhidden, change your filter selection.

CAT-TV Facebook Page

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6w Like Reply


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Joey Kulkin
This has nothing to do with names, Jeannie. Her comment was about letting everyone use the podium to speak. And now look at Ed, as usual, talking down to Maria.

6w Like Reply Hide Edited
- 

Jeffrey Grimshaw  [Follow](#)
Question: How will the green light on the Skate Park project affect the FREE PONIES?

6w Like Reply Hide


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Joey Kulkin
What Maria is likely talking about is the fact Jard is a superfund site and in no way suitable for housing, per the EPA. Of course they are going to diminish anything Maria says.

6w Like Reply Hide


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Chloe Collins ♥
Yes the elderly love how shires has ignored the working elevator issue and other health and safety issues from partners and clients



Jiminy Cricket 🦗

Is there a reason Clark doesn't EVER have a mic?

6w Like Reply Hide



Chloe Collins ❤️

We also don't have public restrooms available or public campsites or even water available

6w Like Reply Hide



Joey Kulkin

Half the board doesn't vote by voice or hand.

6w Like Reply Hide



Chloe Collins ❤️

No other proposals for ARPA funds even allowed just told not shovel ready and not allowed to present

6w Like Reply Hide



Jiminy Cricket 🦗

Is selection for charter committee public?

6w Like Reply Hide



Chloe Collins ❤️

Probably the same reason shires charges 4k for one snow plow. the rich get richer

6w Like Reply Hide



Jiminy Cricket 🦗

And they could use ARPA funds to fix water and sewer but put it towards a skatepark

6w Like Reply Hide





Joey Kulkin

Dan Monks and Ed Woods: We don't care about the town's purchasing policy.

5w Like Reply Hide



Jiminy Cricket

You had to leave that space because it's a flood zone and state would not permit

5w Like Reply Hide



Sammy Restino Follow

The town has taken a stance on cooling shelters

5w Like Reply Hide



Chloe Collins

Does not meet the intent of ARPA emergency funding

5w Like Reply Hide



Chloe Collins

Me: I understand the skate park is a town priority but I also think children on the street should be Jeannie: I disagree

5w Like Reply Hide



Joey Kulkin

Tom Haley: I don't believe in following town policy.

5w Like Reply Hide



Joey Kulkin

Tom Haley: I don't believe in following town policy.

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6w Like Reply Hide



Chloe Collins ♥

It shouldn't be happening when we can't provide sharps boxes in town or shelter to children and elderly in extreme weather

6w Like Reply Hide



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Yes mentioned at DRB meeting

6w Like Reply Hide



Chloe Collins ♥

Wasn't he just on vacation and he got a huge raise from tax payer dollars?

6w Like Reply Hide



Jiminy Cricket 🦗

Monks and Barsotti haven't actually answered why it didn't follow bidding regulations!

6w Like Reply Hide



Chloe Collins ♥

So we don't have to go out to bid if the selectboard says so?

6w Like Reply Hide



Chloe Collins ♥

But the costs of the whole project should be part of the discussion

6w Like Reply Hide



Chloe Collins ♥

They could use it for any actual emergency need in the community

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6w Like Reply Hide



Joey Kulkin

Of course Welch would say that because misuse of his \$2.2M earmark would not reflect well on him.

6w Like Reply Hide



Jiminy Cricket 🦗

Skatepark was required to go out to bid. The select board had absolutely no business voting on skatepark tonight. It violates Town, State and Federal regulations. Skatepark was required to go to bid!

6w Like Reply Hide



Reply to Jiminy Cricket



Jiminy Cricket 🦗

It abuts a super fund site

6w Like Reply Hide



Jiminy Cricket 🦗

Needs to go to bid

6w Like Reply Hide



Sammy Restino 👤

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Joey Kulkin

It seems prudent to wait for the EPA to say whether this property is suitable for housing.

6w Like Reply Hide



Joey Kulkin

Monks just lied again.

6w Like Reply Hide



Joey Kulkin

Barsotti and Jenkins and Stu refuse to say why this did not go out to bid.

6w Like Reply Hide



Chloe Collins ♥

We don't have shelter four seasons

6w Like Reply Hide



Jiminy Cricket 🦗

Clark is drinking the koolaid
That took a month

6w Like Reply Hide



Jiminy Cricket 🦗

Why didn't skatepark go to bid? Hello?

6w Like Reply Hide



Sammy Restino 🧑🏻👤👁️ · Follow

Never seen the plans in public



Chloe Collins ♥

Inclusive Dan look up what that word means ...

6w Like Reply Hide



Joey Kulkin

Beautiful, Ned. The answer is that the town ghosted Platform. Dirty water.

6w Like Reply Hide



Chloe Collins ♥

Guess he's too busy shooing the homeless off the front steps

6w Like Reply Hide



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Pay more Bennington. Geez lets get that Casino
Call i

6w Like Reply Hide



Sammy Restino 🤝 👤 · [Follow](#)

Those that want the skate park better fund the maintenance

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Yes considering we lost one pickel ball court

6w Like Reply Hide



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We just found out about the costs ...

6w Like Reply Hide



Sammy Restino   [Follow](#)

Yes its a cement pond

6w Like Reply Hide



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Thats my point infrastructure over skate park

6w Like Reply Hide



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We have never seen this

6w Like Reply Hide



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Half the audience left

6w Like Reply Hide



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Any other towns have these issues??

6w Like Reply Hide



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We have serious expenditures and we fund this



Jiminy Cricket
You been mtg with group for a year in secret. Barsotti

6w Like Reply Hide



Joey Kulkin
Dan Monks doesn't care about shelters, Chloe. ...

6w Like Reply Hide



Jeffrey Grimshaw Follow
or free ponies

6w Like Reply Hide 2



Reply to Joey Kulkin



Sammy Restino Follow
2 million skate park

6w Like Reply Hide



Jiminy Cricket
The parking lot is Railbanked land.

6w Like Reply Hide



Sammy Restino Follow
Will hit water

6w Like Reply Hide



Jiminy Cricket
Town requires bidding

6w Like Reply Hide



Jiminy Cricket 🇺🇸
Town requires bidding

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6w Like Reply Hide



Jiminy Cricket 🇺🇸
It is Not low maintenance

6w Like Reply Hide



Sammy Restino 👤 🌐 [Follow](#)
Thats the bid questions

6w Like Reply Hide



Joey Kulkin
Another lie: Platform Group did the first designs and then Barsotti and Sauer and Co. ghosted them.

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Joey Kulkin
Codify behavior yet violate town policy time and again. Hypocrisy in real time.

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Jiminy Cricket 🇺🇸
Why didn't it go out to bid?

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Joey Kulkin
Dan Monks wants to spend a million bucks even though the town is violating the town's purchasing policy. Peak Bennington Corruption.

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Jiminy Cricket

Did anyone from Town staff actually answer how and why this ARPA project didn't go to bid?

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Sammy Restino

Depot entrance closed??

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Joey Kulkin

Is it possible for SB members to raise their hands for Yea, Nay, or Abstain? Can CAT TV please zoom out so we can see all hands raised one way or the other?

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Jiminy Cricket

They moved it?

Like Like Reply Hide



Sammy Restino

True

Like Like Reply Hide



Jiminy Cricket

Clark why did you approve a skatepark that's over \$Million and it didn't follow bidding requirements!!!

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Susan Grimshaw

Just curious.. what's the annual upkeep? What's the lifespan and who pays?

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Joey Kulkin

Finally. Nancy is right: Why didn't we go out to bid?

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Joey Kulkin

Stu did not do an investigation of the BCM issues and Barsotti and Sgorbati have lied about the \$2.2M. It will be cute to see how Welch and HUD twist themselves into justifying misuse. And Jenkins sits there and condones it all.

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Joey Kulkin

If Burlington put their skatepark out to bid twice, why didn't Bennington put it out to bid at all??? Its easy to see, they followed through with policies; fundraising in 2008, put out to bid twice in 2013 and finally, opened in 2016. Why is this Town different???

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Joey Kulkin

This abuts the Jard superfund land and the EPA said it is NOT suitable for housing. Here's a better idea: there is a beautiful meadow in Old Bennington. The town should encourage new housing in this meadow. I'm sure the residents of Old B would love to embrace these families who want to own homes.

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Joey Kulkin

For those who wonder why a few of us are harping on things like the bidding process ... this is exactly how they lie to the public and line their pockets and the pockets of their friends. This presentation is the epitome of the Bennington Apple Cart.

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Chloe Collins ♥

Joey Kulkin nail head

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Reply to Joey Kulkin



Cathy Dickie

A Huge shoutout and thank you to Kayla Becker and staff for the incredible job they're doing for the Bennington community!! Especially the kids!!

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Chloe Collins ♥

I once asked if we could have remote mics so Jeannie wouldn't yell at elderly and disabled to go to the podium but they still don't have them. So inclusive.

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Sammy Restino 📌 🔔 Follow

The batteries would die

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Joey Kulkin

Finally someone asking about how Stu is spending tax dollars. Thank you, Nancy.

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Chloe Collins ♥

Bennington Selectboard has continued to refuse to provide warming and cooling shelters for the homeless

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Chloe Collins ♥

Probably because the inclusivity statement is a farse

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Jiminy Cricket 🦗

Jenkins you're angry all the time and cruel

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Jeffrey Grimshaw · [Follow](#)

You guys in Bennington are such business buffoons. Skateboarding is growing by 3.5% as a participation sport. Meanwhile, pickleball is growing at a rate of 180% per year and there is no end in sight. For \$600,000 you could build 2 dozen lit pickleball courts and Bennington could serve as the absolute, undisputed, pickleball headquarters of all of Vermont. But NOOOOOOOO. You opt to duplicate what Manchester has had in place for 5 years. Has anyone even asked Manchester about the profit/loss of their skatepark? I'm betting no. Meanwhile, all sorts of people would come to Bennington for ongoing pickleball instruction, leagues, and regional tournaments. But have fun with the unoriginal white elephant you have selected to get Bennington to the economic promised land. Reason #1429 why I opted to move to the most-visited destination in the Mid Atlantic, Virginia Beach.



Chloe Collins ♥

I had a model for turning the autumn inn into communal housing with legislative and agency support ..

👁️ Like Reply Hide



Chloe Collins ♥

They were mad at Nancy for inquiring about costs associated with next phase ...

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Chloe Collins ♥

Why are emergency ARPA funds being used for private fundraising

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Jiminy Cricket 🦗

Not true

Burlington skatepark is often closed for maintenance

👁️ Like Reply Hide



Sofie Pedemonti ♥ 🦗

Jiminy Cricket often ? would love to see the proof on this claim. i lived in burlington for 4 years and only encountered the skatepark closed for maintenance once in that 4 years.

👁️ Like Reply Hide



Jiminy Cricket 🦗

Sofie Pedemonti ,

Are you seriously arguing skateparks don't have maintenance?



Jiminy Cricket 🇻🇪

Sofie Pedemonti,

Are you seriously arguing skateparks don't have maintenance?

No one is opposed to the actual skatepark idea.

It wasn't done properly is the problem.

It should have gone out to bid like literally every other skatepark built using taxpayer money.

Burlington put theirs out to bid TWICE.

Ask Grindline how many projects they've done with municipalities and tax money that didn't require open bidding.

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Sofie Pedemonti ❤️ 🇻🇪

Jiminy Cricket unless you'd like to let me know how you came to conclusion that a-dog (burlington skatepark) is often closed for maintenance.

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Jiminy Cricket 🇻🇪

Sofie Pedemonti,

Skateparks clearly have operating and maintenance costs and closures. It's Vermont.

Freeze n Thaws, next to a River, and a FEMA flood zone make this location even more susceptible to environmental issues.

A_Dog in Burlington has its own unique challenges. Even before construction started they had to remove tons and tons of arsenic soils. The ground beneath was toxic.

A skatepark is tabuious for young and even old like me.

Bennington deserves a skate park.

However when skateparks are built using taxpayer money. Already overtaxed citizens have the right to know how much it's going to cost.

The operating budget is an important question to have answered. Town officials haven't informed taxpayers what it will cost to operate and MAINTAIN once completed.

One day when you're old like me you'll have more concern regarding where all your taxes are going.

Unfortunately, the Town's refusal to address the questions presented have put you and the other volunteers in a unnecessary situation.

The issues being raised have nothing to do with you and the other volunteers. It's with the corrupt town officials.

No one is trying to stop the skatepark. They want the Town to follow the rules and regulations.

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Reply to Jiminy Cricket



Jiminy Cricket

It has to go to bid!

City of Burlington put their skatepark out to bid TWICE

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Jiminy Cricket

This property abuts a superfund site



Susan Grimshaw

Why do you need 2 skateparks within 20 miles of each other(Manchester)!

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Jiminy Cricket

Anyone else notice Ed has his drink under the table lol

6w Like Reply Hide



Jeffrey Grimshaw

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Jiminy Cricket Paying homage to Jim Carroll?

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Reply to Jiminy Cricket



Jenny Dewar

Yay for the skate park. NW, please stop. The people want this!

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Jiminy Cricket

What about the fact it abuts a superfund site

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Joey Kulkin

Kayla and Taylor always do a good job.

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Joey Kulkin

No, Jeannie, you led a round of applause after 3 tenants of Cora B said they feel "like

6W Like Reply Hide



Joey Kulkin

No, Jeannie, you led a round of applause after 3 tenants of Cora B said they feel "like prisoners" in their own home. Another lie by Jenkins.

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Tina Cook

I have lived in Southern Vermont for 25 years and I have NEVER heard about cherry trees. What?

5W Like Reply Hide



Jenny Dewar

Same trolls. Negativity abounds. Stop!!!

5W Like Reply Hide



Jenny Dewar

She has a problem because you refuse to go to the public mic. Why must there always be so much contention? It's sad. This skate park progress is the most joyous presentation. Sigh.

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Laura Hain

Get over the hail canon. She has a right to farm and protect her crops from severe weather so she can deliver it to your mouths. It's a dead subject. Move on. It's not hurting you!

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Laura Hain
Canon*



Jiminy Cricket

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/dKycctxk9UVMjYrNP/?>

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Jiminy Cricket

But it didn't go out to bid, Barsotti.

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Joey Kulkin

This is what the Town Charter says about the relative responsibilities of the Select Board and the Town Manager:

§ 103-303. In addition to powers otherwise conferred by law, the Select Board members shall also have the power to: (6) inquire into the conduct of any officer, commission, or department and investigate any and all municipal affairs.

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Sammy Restino



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Joey Kulkin

This is the town's purchasing policy and right before your eyes they just admitted that they are not adhering to it because they want their friends to get the money, and the graft that comes with it. Perrin, Jenkins, Woods, Haley, Connor, Monks, Barsotti, Hurd, Spivak. They are lying and laughing in the faces of the citizens of Bennington.

<https://cms5.revize.com/.../Policies/Purchasing-Policy.pdf>

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Jiminy Cricket 🦗

You've violated Town, state and Fed purchasing regulations

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Chloe Collins ❤️

Oh look we can't cool or warm elderly or children but we can do private skatepark!
With emergency ARPA funds!

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Jiminy Cricket 🦗

Jenkins lecturing on civility!?

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Joey Kulkin

Ohhhh, NOW Monks cites "state law" ...

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Jiminy Cricket 🦗

Sit down Ed

6w Like Reply Hide

Joey Kulkin replied · 1 Reply



Jiminy Cricket 🦗

Thanks Ned!

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Jiminy Cricket 🦗

Wtf

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Jiminy Cricket

...te and Fed purchasing regulations



ny Cricket

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warm elderly or children but we can do private skatepark!
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Joey Kulkin

Ohhhh, NOW Monks cites "state law" ...

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Jiminy Cricket

Sit down Ed

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Joey Kulkin

He wanted to give Jordan a body shot.

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Reply to Jiminy Cricket



Jiminy Cricket

Thanks Ned!



Jiminy Cricket 🦗
Wtf

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Jiminy Cricket 🦗 ...

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Jiminy Cricket 🦗
Danny why didn't it go to bid?

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Jiminy Cricket 🦗
What does purple mean?

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Jiminy Cricket 🦗
Why not get epa to review!?

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Sammy Rectino 🧑🏻🦱🦋 [Follow](#)
No its how the machine works

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Jiminy Cricket 🦗
Fasten your seatbelts

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Jiminy Cricket 🦗
Who was that?



Joey Kulkin

Stu: "I don't recall." LOL he has turned into Nixon.

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Watch ??

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Jiminy Cricket 

It's a un remediated epa super fund site

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Chloe Collins 

Sounds relevant to me Nancy

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Chloe Collins 

lol I asked for a post Covid survey it was ignored

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Chloe Collins 

Ummm isn't this different than what they showed before

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No other designs presented

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Joey Kulkin

Shannon and Dan violated local, state, and federal procurement requirements to get \$260K in funds. They did not put anything out to bid. Everything out of Barsotti's mouth here is a lie.

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Already rubber stamped

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Joey Kulkin

Every word out of Monks' mouth here is a lie

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Where is my shovel

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Jiminy Cricket 

It's in A FLOOD ZONE

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Chloe Collins 

I know

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Jiminy Cricket 🦗
This meeting is shameful

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Jiminy Cricket 🦗
It's in a fema flood zone

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Whats phase2 cost

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Rubber stamp rubber stamp

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Call it Ponies

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We do alot

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Ask you questions

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Contract to build without following Town purchasing policy?

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Jiminy Cricket

Why didn't it go out to bid as required by Town State and Feds?

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Sammy Restino

Another increase

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Jiminy Cricket

But why didn't it go out to bid, Monks?

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Jiminy Cricket

Why didn't it go out to bid!?

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Jiminy Cricket

Why didn't it go out to bid?

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Jiminy Cricket

María!

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Jiminy Cricket 🇺🇸
Wait until epa report ...

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Jiminy Cricket 🇺🇸
You pay them

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Jiminy Cricket 🇺🇸
They left

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Chloe Collins ❤️
Yupppppo

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Joey Kulkin
Add Sarah Perrin to the corrupt list.

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Jiminy Cricket 🇺🇸
Vote no

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Chloe Collins ❤️
Hahahahahaha

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Joey Kulkin
Ed Woods is a coward.

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Jiminy Cricket 🇺🇸
You stacked the audience Jenkins

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Jiminy Cricket 🇺🇸
Stop with low maintenance bull sh*t.

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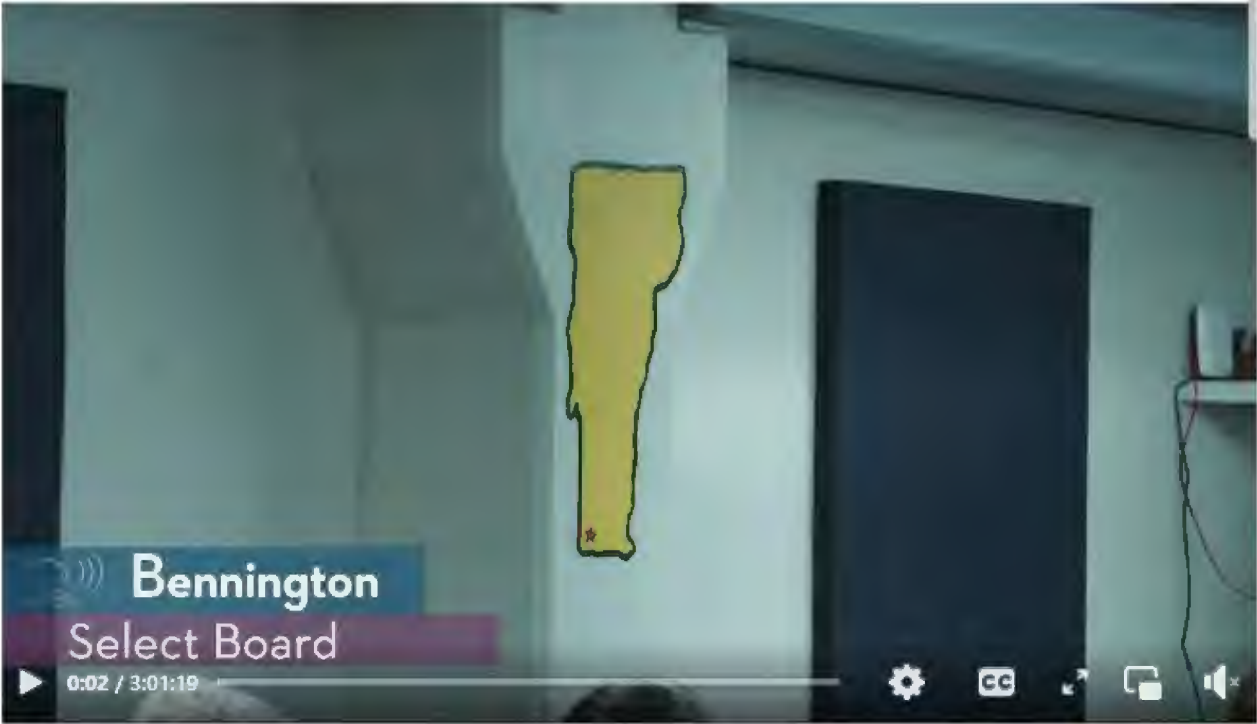
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Not true

Burlington skatepark is often closed for maintenance

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Sofie Pedemonti ♥ 🍷

Jiminy Cricket im not arguing that skateparks don't need maintenance. they definitely do. i was simply responding to your claim about burlington skatepark being closed "often" for maintenance, which i know to be untrue. if you're trying to prove a point about the logistics behind the approval of the skatepark, it's hard to take you seriously when you're making fraudulent statements.

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Joey Kulkin

"Ghosted. It appears so. It was a favor to our friends and the town. It's cool we are not sweating it. Wish we were told though rather than find out through a local." -- Platform designer after learning how shitty their business was treated by Barsotti and Monks and the rest of the "volunteer" group.

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Joey Kulkin

Ed Woods supports corruption.



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Kevin Durocher

Lady why don't you shut up and let Monks answer the question that was asked of him

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Jiminy Cricket

Haley you were a hooligan and still are

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Jiminy Cricket

Skatepark was required to go out to bid. The select board had absolutely no business voting on skatepark tonight. It violates Town, State and Federal regulations. Skatepark was required to go to bid!

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Joey Kulkin

The funniest part is when Nancy asked Monks about the new playground at Willow Park, also ARPA-funded, also by a company that has built hundreds of playgrounds, and cited the bidding process and Monks talking out of his ass as to why this similar project didn't have to adhere to town bidding policy.

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\$100K budget is "crucial"?

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Lori Jean Wilkins

Joey Kulkin wow!

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Why doesn't Bennington citizens. Form. Their own select board

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Joey Kulkin

Notice she didn't include the Bennington Community Market and skatepark Jiminy Cricket

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Chloe Viner Collins

Imagine if we invested 100k in emergency shelters and resources for the low income in Bennington instead





Joey Kulkin

Community development "since they've been on the planet!"

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Joey Kulkin

Shannon Barsotti lied to the Downtown Transportation Fund regarding the skatepark.

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Chloe Viner Collins ♥

They said proposals for ARPA funds couldn't be considered because they were not shovel ready. 49 million and folx in hazmat suits is?

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Lori Jean Wilkins 🇺🇸

Select board should look at the crime rates happening on Main Street and various other areas

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Joey Kulkin

And of course Stu and Dan and Jenkins and Woods and Barsotti will make it happen.

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Laurie Cavanagh Mulhern

Question - Are all developers given this same loan opportunity?

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Question - Are all developers given this same loan opportunity?

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Laurie Cavanagh Mulhern

I would like to understand the process.

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See. I know why Mr Peanut showed in Bennington. Need to feed the Elephant

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Susan Grimshaw

Spend 49 mil to make 8 mil. Where do I sign?



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Jiminy Cricket

Did the skatepark go out to bid?

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Joey Kulkin

It did not. Stu, Monks, Barsotti, Jenkins + Woods don't want it to go to bid. Have to ask why.

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Chloe Viner Collins ♥

How can we get emergency funding from the agency of human services and be one of the only places without a warming or cooling shelter for children when Jeannie said to me that the children don't matter

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40 towns What does other towns contribute to Bennington
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Joey Kulkin

The DID property owners pay it ... it is an extra tax.

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Yes. The more partners the greater the grants

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Chloe Viner Collins ♥

Just like it in no way aligns with the intended use of emergency ARPA funds to do fundraising for a potentially private skatepark

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So this 49 mill. Build. and they will cone

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Select board knows what they want

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Chloe Viner Collins 

Shires Hale and the town getting richer

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Brian Pierce 

are they drinking water in there's cups or jack



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Your role is to write grants

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Jiminy Cricket 

Mintrone went on a retreat to get security

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Joey Kulkin

Let's see if anyone on the board, or Stu, discusses the rash of violent crime on Main Street. <https://fb.watch/tc6Cp5MM9U/>

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Chloe Viner Collins ♥

Anyone ask about the 500k I got in earmarks for BCCH?

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Chloe Viner Collins ♥

That are relevant as judged by Jeannie

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They have the agenda already planned and what is said. Just talking in general.

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Thanks for hemming doing car cruise

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Because there was no Economic

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Comes. From. Robert

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Yes and Balant shows in Bennington

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Then why wasn't solar on Putnam

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Chloe Viner Collins 
Of course it didn't go to bid

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Jiminy Cricket 
Yes a lot of questions on expenses Mintrone

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Getting to a closing bid.

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Bob the one that does the sidewalk is leading the project

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Ribbon cutting vs window breaking

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Where south beach?



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Drafted but hope they sign ...

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More work for jonah

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Raise it 4 feet ?

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We only got 11000 on the sale of stick ladder truck

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This is what happens when you split this up

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We talked about this 5 years ago

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Play Dian Warwick. Hoping wishing and praying

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Joey Kulkin

Of course CAT TV goes down when millions of dollars are being discussed. Of course.



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Be lots of loans

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Policy makes. More work

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Susan Grimshaw

"Pay as you exit"... I saw that on the Little Rascals.

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Kim Perrotta

A lot of hoping going on

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Too many chiefs

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That was last month

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Jiminy Cricket 
Does anyone know what bbc is actually saying?

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Joey Kulkin
Here we go with the parsing of words.

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Town with city policy

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Except manager reports

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Kim Perrotta
They were important

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Documents to limit our voices



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Yes northern border

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Joey Kulkin

Remember when it was \$9 million? Now it's \$49 million. It'll be \$75 million soon.

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Joey Kulkin

There was no public notice for the special 7/1 meeting.

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Jiminy Cricket 

BBC deserves zilch



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Jiminy Cricket 

Did Benn Hi go out to bid as required by ARPA? lol

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Timothy Bortell 

Someone hit the timer buzzer

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Timothy Bortell

Someone hit the timer buzzer

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Sammy Restino

Ya pushed people away now ya want them to speak

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Susan Grimshaw

You have entrusted your downtown economic future to people who have no clue as to what they are doing. Good luck with that.

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Joey Kulkin

And to think, all Main Street merchants want is for the BBC to bring local and visitors to their shops. The BBC tries to do everything EXCEPT this.

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Reply to Susan Grimshaw...



Ethan Allen

Downtown compass not working. Bennington still can't find its way.

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Jiminy Cricket

BBC is funded by taxpayers

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Jiminy Cricket
BBC is funded by taxpayers

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Chloe Viner Collins
If we keep ignoring all the homeless and substance abuse and mental health issues in the community and refused to install a warming shelter, safe disposal boxes explain to me how all the crime and needles are going to bring people to Bennington

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Chloe Viner Collins
We are really good at using a lot of big words to explain how just a few agencies and individuals continue to get richer and richer while the grant money never goes where it's supposed to

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Rich Bogardus
Lady is right. They F'ed up the new curbing on the west side of Benmont. It's really terrible.

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Joey Kulkin
Rich Bogardus That f-up is by design. Now they can bring in their other friends to get paid to fix it. That's how you play Apple Cart Game.

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Joey Kulkin

It's a "special Main Street tax" and why the BBC tries to underplay this every year is beyond me.

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Chloe Viner Collins ♥

Why is Nancy never allowed to ask questions the same way none of the town members are ...

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Joey Kulkin

The BBC might be the most corrupt entity in the state and the Select Board plays right along.

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Chloe Viner Collins ♥

I don't know how the town and Shires continue to get away with all this

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Joey Kulkin

lol that \$500K will never be paid back.

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Joey Kulkin

This is why Nancy is important to the board.

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Jiminy Cricket 🦗

Big Sue killing two birds with one stone 😂

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Joey Kulkin

Spent \$22K less spent? Where'd that money go? ...



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Joey Kulkin

Did you ever retrieve the master list of vendors?

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Jenny Dewar

Joey Kulkin what does that mean? All in the database. 🙄

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Sammy Restino 👤 🔔 · [Follow](#)

How come pownal and. Shaftsbury doesn't have these issues??



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Jenny Dewar

Sammy Restino you're kidding, right?



Joely Kalkan

What about the rash of violent crime here on Main Street Bennington? ...

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Jenny Dewar

Interested in an application for the young entrepreneur area of the **Blueberry Festival at the Barn**? Here it is!

<https://drive.google.com/.../1DrOzK3Mv-N70pbgRzyx.../view...>

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Kim Perrotta

Confusing everyone

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Jiminy Cricket

Did the skatepark go out to bid?

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Chair Jenkins is protesting and standing in front of the home of a Jewish family. Jenkins is supporting Hamas!



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Yups

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Whats the percentage now ?

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Told ya long meeting

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Long meeting again

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Don't give BBC zilch

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Joey Kulkin

Get to the point.

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I put out a few posts on ladder truck

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Yes. The agenda items are important

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Im sure there is a social media policy template



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Yes. The machine is the people

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In all capacity

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It's that simple

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Little late now

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White elephant

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Ya think ???

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Stamp it stamp it

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Jiminy Cricket 

Barsotti

Monks

Did the skatepark go out to bid? 

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Timothy Borteli 

Water proofing

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Joey Kulkin

So \$100K special tax monies, plus \$25K from the governor, plus all of the Mayfest money, plus BBC membership ... but sure, you're poor.

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Jiminy Cricket 🦗

They get funded by US 🇺🇸

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I posted on Facebook buy this ladder truck

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Chloe Viner Collins ❤️

Hahahahaha

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Yup. I told ya.

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Joey Kulkin

7-0! Drink!

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Jiminy Cricket 🦗

Enough of bull sheet



Jiminy Cricket 
Sit down BBC

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Jiminy Cricket 
Sit down

1w Like Reply Hide



Jiminy Cricket 
Jesus



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Jiminy Cricket 
Mintrone is duh

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Joey Kulkin
Stu did not put this \$10K acoustics project to bid. He cited "sole source project" but that was a lie too.

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Joey Kulkin
No, it's padding the report.

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Chloe Viner Collins 
ARPA money on fundraising

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Joey Kulkin
No, there are two separate \$200K DTF grants.



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Joey Kulkin
Ed Woods to Shannon Barsotti: I condone your lying deceitful ways.

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No body reads those

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Joey Kulkin
Shannon cuts and pastes 90% of her report every month

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Chloe Viner Collins 
Corrupt

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Chloe Viner Collins 
They lie so much

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Joey Kulkin

A former BCM employee was drugged at the market and Shannon Barsotti has never addressed this.

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Jessie Brian Barney
Wow!

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Reply to Joey Kulkin...



Chloe Viner Collins ♥
Bullies and crooks

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Joey Kulkin

Zack, mortgage your family's 100+ apartments if you need \$500K

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Joey Kulkin

Oh look, Mintrone had no idea what she was presenting an hour ago and now locks lips with Barsotti trying to laugh at Nancy White who is asking questions on behalf of taxpayers.

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Jiminy Cricket 🚩
They are lying to us

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Jiminy Cricket 🚩
Ed woods is lying

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Jiminy Cricket 🚩
Town Crooks are lying

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Jiminy Cricket 🚩
Nancy White you Rock

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TownCrooks lying

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Town Crooks lying

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Jiminy Cricket 🚩
Crooks

...
 **Jiminy Cricket** 
Stu is lying ...

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 **Jiminy Cricket** 
Town Crooks

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 **Joey Kulkin**
So in the end you're trying to siphon \$500K from the town loan buckets. No. How about the Hales mortgage all of their apartments. Why do you think you're more special than anyone else and deserve a "grant" instead of a loan?

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 **Joey Kulkin**
Dan Monks' wife Amanda is getting special favors from Bennington taxpayers in her role as marketing director at JK Miles. Dan refuses to answer questions about this.

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 **Jiminy Cricket** 


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 **Jiminy Cricket** 
Town Crooks

...



Joey Kulkin
They're getting \$185K ...

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Jiminy Cricket 🚩 ...
BBC is corrupt

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Jiminy Cricket 🚩
Corrupt mutha fu

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Jiminy Cricket 🚩
Stu you are a crook

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Joey Kulkin
Presenting a budget to the town yet she's "confused" ... this is Bennington in a nutshell.

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Joey Kulkin
Plaisance simply gets Barsotti to siphon money from the town marketing bucket.

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Jiminy Cricket 🚩
Crooks



Jiminy Cricket 
Town Crooks

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Jiminy Cricket 
BBC is Town Crook Propaganda

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Jiminy Cricket 
Town Crooks stole Covid monies for themselves instead of filtering it to US! The PEOPLE!

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Jiminy Cricket 
Spreading the lies. 

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Jiminy Cricket 
BBC is Town Propaganda

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Joey Kulkin
The DBA is the official welcome center of Main Street Bennington:
<https://www.facebook.com/mainstreetbennington>





Jiminy Cricket
BBC is Town Propaganda

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Joey Kulkin
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Downtown Bennington Alliance

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Propaganda

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Jiminy Cricket
BBC is corrupt



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Joey Kulkin
Led by Plaisance.



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Welcome to the July 8th Bennington Select Board meeting!



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Jiminy Cricket

Except Jenkins stands in front of a Jewish home and business supporting Hamas. The Inclusion Statement doesn't apply to Town Crooks.

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Joey Kulkin

You can already see the drama players. cc: Jiminy Cricket

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Jiminy Cricket

BBC received fraudulent PPP loans.

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Wouldn't it be a total economic nightmare if Bennington had a regional skateboard event attended by hundreds, and there wasn't enough on site parking. Overflow visitors would have to park all over town and while walking to the venue would have to pass by restaurants and shops, deciding if they were going to avail themselves of them before or after the event. Here in Virginia Beach we don't have near enough beach parking, which is why all establishments open their lots and make secondary revenues on parking. You just heard reason one why Mike Bethel cannot ever be considered for Mayor of Bennington. This is due to the fact that regrettably, he was born without a commercial bone in his body. Stick to painting, Mike - that's what you're good at.

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Jiminy Cricket

What happened to Shanny?

And PPP fraud?



Jiminy Cricket

Slick Eddy stacked it with his wife's childhood s friends

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Jiminy Cricket

BBC what did ya do with the fraudulent PPP loans? ...

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Jiminy Cricket

Barsotti

Monks

Hurd

Should be fired yesterday

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Jiminy Cricket

Town Crooks are liars

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Jiminy Cricket

All of them need to go!

We've reported to FEDs

If you want to report fraud it's anonymous at OIG

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Jiminy Cricket

Does the pie chart show fraudulent ppp loans?

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Jiminy Cricket

Mintrone is a Town Crony

Lies

All lies

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Chloe Viner Collins

When I gave the last Director of BBC, some feedback on how to be trauma informed and told her she could take it or leave it. She told me she would leave it and I should leave her alone. Your money at work.

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Jenny Dewar

Chloe Viner Collins still on that? I don't even know you. ...

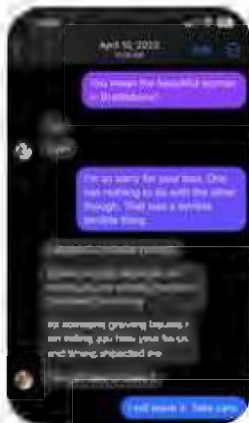
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Chloe Viner Collins ...



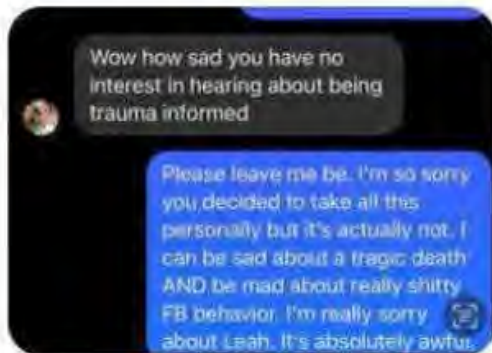
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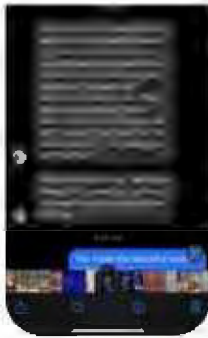
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Jenny Dewar

Chloe Viner Collins you even needed to do it twice? Ok, I'll play and respond twice. I. Don't. Know. You. Your trauma has nothing to do with me.

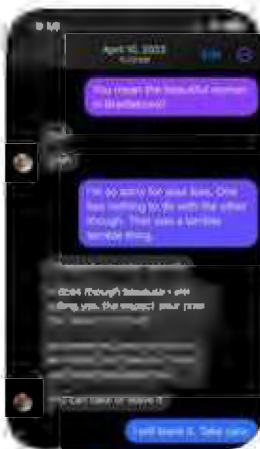




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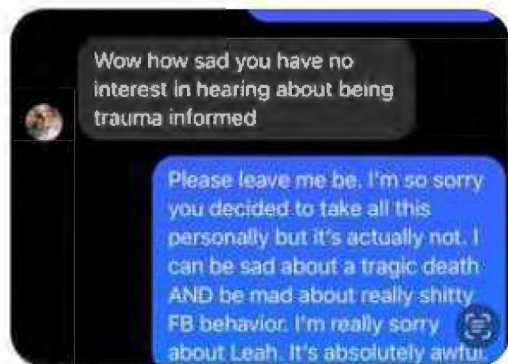


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Chloe Viner Collins



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 Jenny Dewar
Chloe Viner Collins



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 Jiminy Cricket
We're done Mintrone ...

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 Joey Kulkin
Lots of Christmas stuff but no Hanukkah stuff. Typical. Makes sense being Jeannie Jenkins supports murder, torture + rape of Jews.

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 Jiminy Cricket
Barsotti you're a liar. Sit down

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Jiminy Cricket 🐞
Monks is a liar

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Jiminy Cricket 🐞
Monks is a liar

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Joey Kulkin
Woods is a liar.

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Joey Kulkin
Let me finish, too, Ed: You're a liar.

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Chloe Viner Collins ❤️
Why is Nancy never allowed to ask questions the same way none of the town members are

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Joey Kulkin
Because Jenkins and Woods are liars and bullies. ...

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Jiminy Cricket 🐞
Town Cranks have been reported to OIG



Jimmy Cricket
Liars



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Jimmy Cricket
G

Hale and monks and Hurd and Barsotti
LIARS

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Joey Kulkin
Has Barsotti addressed the former BCM employee who said she was drugged at the market?

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Joey Kulkin
Ed Woods is a liar.

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Joey Kulkin
Barsotti just lied about Select Board approval which is funny because the Select Board lied just 2 weeks ago.

At last Monday's Select Board meeting, you said to Nancy White: "Nancy – first of all we voted the earmark from Senator Welch's office, we had to vote to accept that money."

That statement is not true. As per Jonah Spivak's response to my public records request (see below) there never was a vote to accept the grant funds.

Stu Hurd then made these remarks in response to Nancy White's comment that no one

Stu Hurd then made these remarks in response to Nancy White's comment that no one had ever come in and talked to the board about the initiative with these words: "No that's not true Nancy, it was before you were on the board. The presentation was made for the entire Fair Food Initiative at this board. It was a \$2.2 million earmark, I believe, and it was to fund a community market"

That statement is also not true. There never was a presentation made to the board on the Fair Food Initiative.

Then Ed Woods said this: "This board approved the process when that grant was awarded"

That statement is again not true. There never was a board approval when the grant was awarded.

Finally, Dan Monks said: "I will point out that all the initiatives that department follows have been authorized explicitly by this board..."

Again, that statement is not true. The Fair Food Initiative was never explicitly authorized by the board.

Can you clarify how these four statements were made before the public with such certainty when they had no basis in fact?

(From an email to Jenkins)

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Joey Kulkin
Ed Woods the liar bullying Nancy yet again.

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Joey Kulkin

Zack, Shannon is a liar.

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Zac Pacher

Rules for u but not for them that's what rules they are talking about like stew turd spendy your money on a salt shed and being fined and using your money for his fine and selling off land for cheap for solar power to go to mass on our polls for years or using funding for low income family's to build projects that happened to not be used for low income oh man I can go on witch is why I left that town in my passed im sure my comments will be pulled down because cat is in deep with them as well sad but true

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Joey Kulkin

So is telling the truth, Ed, but you don't adhere to that philosophy.

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Joey Kulkin

Stu how did Dan Monks' wife finagle the money for RK Miles for the Morgan Street bridge? It's a major purchase that requires multiple bids.

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Chloe Viner Collins

Thank god Clark and Nancy are there to ask questions even though they get told to shut up like the rest of us

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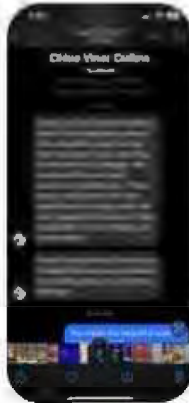
Jessie Brian Barney
All crooked

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Jenny Dewar

So this woman Chloë, whom I have never met, is STILL harping on this exchange from April 2023? Here is the exchange. 🙄



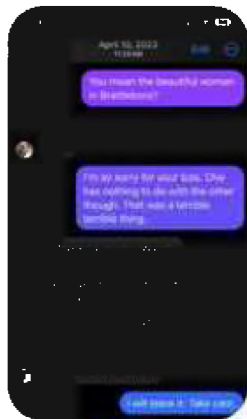
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Jenny Dewar ...

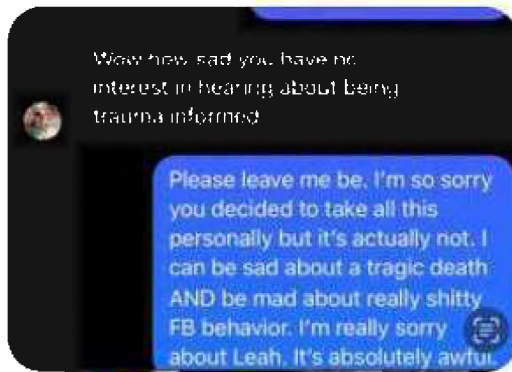


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Chloe Collins ♥

Crime would go down if we had safe disposal boxes, available restrooms and available water.

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Kris King 🇺🇸

Restrooms are unavailable now due to the drug use

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Kim Perrotta

Oh, that's all it would take for crime to go down? I wish! Who's to say they would use the boxes anyway?

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Chloe Collins ♥

Literally when we had them they were being used.

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Chloe Collins ♥

No but trauma informed care and actual resources goes a long way

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Reply to Chloe Collins



Chloe Collins ♥

Kris King better to have needles on all the kids playgrounds than have Chief have to regularly empty boxes.

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Kris King 🙏

Store staff are done putting their lives at risk

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Chloe Collins ♥

Store staff dont have to if BPD and the community do their job.

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Reply to Chloe Collins



Chloe Collins ♥

Yes again because they WONT designate anywhere camping is allowed or approve grants for the supplies and staffing

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Kris King 🇺🇸

Supreme court just passed a law u cant even sleep outside. 300\$ fine

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Reply to Chloe Collins



Joey Kulkin

What about RK Miles getting tens of thousands of dollars for the Morgan Street bridge when Dan Monks' wife is marketing director for RK Miles? Did that go out to bid?

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Chloe Collins ♥

I'm sort of surprised there is no mention of June or community. Did I miss a moment of silence at the beginning?

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Joey Kulkin

Mike Bethel led a moment of silence.

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Chloe Collins ♥

There is visiting this week 5-7 except for Wednesday.

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Reply to Chloe Collins





Chloe Collins ♥

You mean you will listen to one of the many proposals and projects that as the director of the shelter you and the selectboard did not want to hear?

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Chloe Collins ♥

It's almost like you'd have to look at the proposals that include all these things that non profits and others have brought forward for YEARS

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Chloe Collins ♥

Yes especially if you would rather the homeless die or move as the selectboard does

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Chloe Collins ♥

Can that plan include safe disposal sites, water, public restrooms?

2w Like Reply Hide



Chloe Collins ♥

Then why are we the only county who refuses to have a cooling or warming shelter?

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Chloe Collins ♥

Buy the homeless movie tickets instead of safe disposal boxes or water fountains

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Joey Kulkin

I've given you an idea on how to bolster LE presence here in town.

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Chloe Collins ♥

You're right we should keep letting kids die in the winter because they don't have TV

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Chloe Collins ♥

Remember when I asked to continue giving updates on the homeless in Bennington and I was told NO.

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Joey Kulkin

There is a much deeper set of questions to be asked about the mowing contracts.

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Chloe Collins ♥

That means you have to meet with them Chief

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Joey Kulkin

It's OK to get somewhat heated to emphasize a point but there is also a line that no one should go beyond.

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Chloe Collins ♥

After I saw her yell at an elderly man who was disabled I asked for a portable mic to match our inclusivity statement

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Chloe Collins ♥

Hes doing awesome

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Chloe Collins ♥

You know so Jeannie doesn't shout at elderly folks that they have to walk to the podium

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Chloe Collins ♥

The police should be allowing the non profits to place sharps disposal boxes and public resources but actively stand in the way. Keeping the community safe is absoultey their job

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Chloe Collins ♥

When you say kids are dying and it's freezing out and things like that should be a priority and not juts Benn High and you say we DISAGREE

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Chloe Collins ♥

The Town HATES the word shefter.

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Chloe Collins ♥

It actually reduces the problems unless you think campers on Main street with needles is a good look for the town



Chloe Collins ♥

The Chief and Selectboard do not want a warming or cooling shelter, there have been dozens who have come forward with detailed plans and budgets. The lack of a venue has never been the issue.

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Chloe Collins ♥

They could literally call VLCT and have a professional walk them through how to apply this and not waste everyones time and do better work

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Chloe Collins ♥

SO MUCH ARPA money is not being spent for emergency community needs like hey a skatepark

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Chloe Collins ♥

Remember all the talk about who could pay for a warming or cooling shelter when you see that emergency ARPA funding is being spent on a potentially private skatepark and fundraising.

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Chloe Collins ♥

At any selectboard meeting in three years

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Chloe Collins ♥

Out of town according to you

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Chloe Collins ♥

We do have community resources manuals

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Chloe Collins ♥

you are right they do in others!

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Marin Iwashko ♥

where in pownal can we go

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The plans were posted few months back

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More policy to come

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Volunteers

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Chloe Collins ♥

If the town wanted solutions they would be in place

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You can watch but not vote

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Discussion at times does get heated to address policy

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Business need to donate AC

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Chloe Collins

Remember when the Selectboard shot down EMS essential increase in emergency funding so they could use almost the same amount of money to give Stu a raise

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Chloe Collins

This could be executive session but we waste time if we go over 3 minutes

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Thats why asked about the project

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Chloe Collins

Available to repeat the same platitudes and company lines via email

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Chloe Collins

good idea Chief

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Small town city policy

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Jennifer Mayhew 
It is a conflict of interest, should be disqualified. But because the select board thinks everyone in Bennington is stupid and will just let this happen.

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Chloe Collins 
Like the empty inclusivity statement yu[p

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Chloe Collins 
No you have no interest in safety.

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Takes lot of effort

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Chloe Collins 
no there are no grants for that

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Marin hrachko 



Marin Iwashko ♥
domes like indoor tennis for cooling stations

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Chloe Collins ♥
You could put something in any physical form including a flyer

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Kris King 🇺🇸
You can tell ppl things all day long and in many forms. It doesnt soak in

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Guess stu is not there more rubber stamps

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Chloe Collins ♥
Clark is new and impartial why would he need to go? One of the few new voices of reason.

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Joey Kulkin
Clark and Nancy are the future of the board. This next March board election is the most important one in years.

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Chloe Collins ♥

I used to work there



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Irene was tough

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Kim Perrotta

Getting interrupted constantly

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Marin Iwashko ♥

winter is coming quick...let's get things done

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Chloe Collins ♥

SO JEANNIE IS IMMUNE

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Richard Setzer

Good job Chief Doucette.

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Joey Kulkin

Cat-tv Bennington, can you please zoom out and show the vote of the entire board?

We at home want to see all bodies and all hands. Thank you.



Kris King

What was that committee for?

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Kris King

The community does that job not police dept.

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Kris King

We need to make changes

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Kris King

Does this sound messed up to anyone else?

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Kris King

Thats an expense. Whos to pay for it?

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Chloe Collins

I had grants for all of these things including camping gear - town doesnt want them.

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Kris King

No becuz it brings in more problems they dont want to attend too

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Kris King

Thats why they kicked everyone out of peoples park

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Reply to Kris King



Chloe Collins

Shires and Hale have a Monopoly and can charge anything they want while their vendors get rich. For example 3-4k for one snow plow or rents of month before a shelter even has keys to a building. Monks isn't the only lining pockets going on.

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Jeffrey Grimshaw

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Why don't you people form your own commission that investigates conflicts of interests with the Select Board. Decide who you want to interview to gain evidence, and when concluded and assembled, publish your report. If Board invitees decline to be interviewed, publish that.

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Carolyn Char

I applaud the select board for interviewing TWENTY applicants in person last week (no small feat!), their thoughtful interview questions, and the unanimous vote on the proposed slate this evening. It makes me all the more excited and honored to serve on this committee. Looking forward to the work ahead with fellow committee members and my Bennington neighbors.



Chloe Collins ♥

GREAT I've offered solutions for years and you and the selectboard have refused to meet or even listen so I hope this is true.

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Chloe Collins ♥

There is so much conflict of interest and lining of pockets it's astonishing watch everyone get agitated while Sara talks about recusing oneself lmao

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Vin Harwood

We need a new select board. Seems Nancy is the only one that wants to help the public

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Joey Kulkin

We should meet.

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Jenny Dewar

Vin Harwood 🙄

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Reply to Vin Harwood



Amber Andrew 🇺🇸

Volunteers might be helpful Bennington is a caring community most are willing to help

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Chloe Collins ♥

Its not a big mystery other towns have warming and cooling shelters and dont spend emergency funding to line private pockets instead

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Chloe Collins ♥

What requests has Jonah accomodated? I asked years ago to make these meeting less abelist and more accessible and gave cheap options such as a remote mic and none have happened

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Chloe Collins ♥

I was never invited to a sit down as Director of the shelter in three years asking questions and offering proposals.

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Chloe Collins ♥

You'd have to listen when I presented that data.

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Joey Kulkin

The charter review committee process was perverted and dishonest. I say that as one of the interviewees.

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Joey Kulkin

Has nothing to do with Democrats but rather the good ol' boys. ...

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Chloe Collins ♥

I've never seen anyone more heatead than Jeannie.

2w Like Reply Hide



Kris King 🤝

She snaps at the public

2w Like Reply Hide



Jack Hurley

Chloe Viner Collins my guess is she feels like she is losing power or she doesnt like being challenged

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Reply to Chloe Collins



Donna Lauzon

It's interesting that some of these topics are coming up now that there are two new board members.

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Joey Kulkin

Chloe Viner Collins, it looks like Monks hates being there right now. Only 2 more votes in March and he won't have to worry about attending SB meetings.

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Chloe Collins ♥

Nancy and Clark the new blood - rest are getting way too rich with the systems as is

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Kris King 🧑

Joey u should get on the board. Ur knowledgable

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2 🙌😂



Jenny Dewar

Everyone stop and take a breath. June Cooper and her family are so much more important than all this petty bickering in the comment section on FACEBOOK.

These folks are doing their best. If they say Red, the keyboard warriors say Yellow. And vice versa. FFS. 🙄

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Chloe Collins ♥

Jenny Dewar you mean you want a trauma informed response to the grief in your community 🙄

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Chloe Collins ♥

Jenny Dewar I shared both the meal train and go fund me which were empty before I did. I brought John lots of food I brought Iris all her favorite fruits. Remind me how you helped when Leah died?

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Chloe Collins ♥

Oh right you said my trauma was not your problem

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Jenny Dewar

Chloe Viner Collins

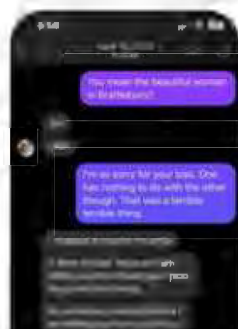


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Jenny Dewar

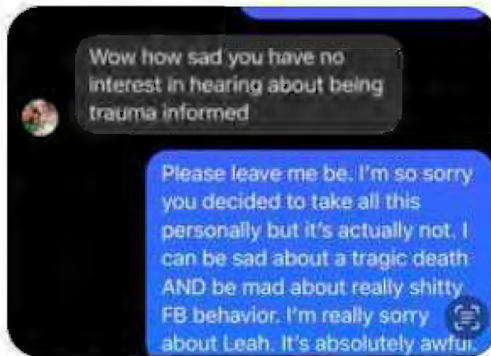
Chloe Viner Collins



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Jenny Dewar
Chloe Viner Collins



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Chloe Collins ❤️
Couldn't answer the question huh?

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Jenny Dewar
Chloe Viner Collins what's your question? You put words in my mouth. I corrected them. I feel sad for you.

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Reply to Jenny Dewar



Joey Kulkin
Your engineer is getting paid tens of thousands of dollars to be a Yes Man.



Kris King

Jeannie is very nasty to nancy

2w Like Reply Hide



JC Jacobs

The reason why taxes are so high in Bennington is because democrats are the majority in charge of the town

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Kris King

Its becuz vermont legislature over turned gov scotts veto not to raise them.

2w Like Reply Hide



JC Jacobs

Kris King and that's also democrats / liberals

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Reply to JC Jacobs



Meagan JS

<http://vtrans.vermont.gov/public-transit/mti> these mini grants are being used across the state to simultaneously reduce single-use transportation and meet residents' needs. Creative solutions such as providing transportation to food shelves are being considered. In the meantime before a shelter can be ironed out, I think it's worth applying for transportation to the public parks Chief Doucette mentioned. 5-10k could

Creative solutions such as providing transportation to food shelves are being considered. In the meantime before a shelter can be ironed out, I think it's worth applying for transportation to the public parks Chief Doucette mentioned. 5-10k could go a long way if we are taking about a few really high heat days.

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Chloe Collins ♥

Remember all the talk about who could pay for a warming or cooling shelter when you see that emergency ARPA funding is being spent on a potentially private skatepark and fundraising.

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Joey Kulkin

Stu and Dan and Barsotti violated state and federal requirements re: ARPA and DTF funding. Good ol' boys getting all the money.

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Chloe Collins ♥

Absolutely, I have read ARPA Funding guidelines and none of my proposals would even be heard or looked at I was just always told they were not "shovel ready" how is that Benn High men in hazmat suits 48 million more shovel ready LMAO

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Chloe Collins ♥

Shovel Ready is what they say so they dont have to hear any proposals they do not want

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Reply to Chloe Collins





Priscilla Setzer
Go Nancy!

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Chloe Collins ♥
YES

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Laurie Cavanagh Mulhern ♥
Post on Helping Hands of Bennington County

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Chloe Collins ♥
Anyone know what happened to the criminal charges that disappeared against him?

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Chloe Collins ♥
Yes but she's the one interrupting, speaking over and shouting.

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Sammy Restino 👍👤 · Follow
Some questions are asked privately i guess

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Sammy Restino 👍👤 · Follow
Prints are on the website

... ..



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Yes very lucky indeed

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Sammy Restino   [Follow](#)

Just like in a power outage which is pretty common

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Willene Martin
She is very condescending when answering a question.

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Chloe Collins 
PREACH NANCY

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Chloe Collins 
I would NOT HAVE

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Makayla Webster
Do as I say not as I do...that's how it sounds to me

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Jill Congdon
Makayla Webster meeting protocol

 Kris King 
Cuz thats how it goes. They can do what they want. Thats why its important to vote n pay attention to what takes place

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 Kris King 
Get involved where you can

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 Joey Kulkin
That can change in March. Let's meet if you want.

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 Reply to Makayla Webster



 Chloe Collins 
Yup further criminalizing poverty and homelessness its disgusting. They are on a roll

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 Kris King 
Exactly.. your rights removed

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 Reply to Chloe Collins



 Chloe Collins 
Jeannie don't laugh its one for YOU



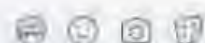
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Same words are said
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Pedestrian traffic
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 Makayla Webster
Kevin Hoyt
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 Kris King 
Definatly not
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▼ Reply to Makayla Webster



 Kris King 
Its cuz shes strong minded n debates actual topics for the people
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 Kris King 
U never could ud bottom out

 Kris King 
LoL jeannie tryin to ssshhh her up
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 Kris King 
Sounds like another version of dictatorship to me ...
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 Erin Lemieux
👉 Nancy
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Chloe Collins ♥
Civility

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Russ Carrier ...
Clark adams needs to go!

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Joey Kulkin
Clark Adams is important to this board.

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Kris King 🍷
I think hes an asset

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Reply to Russ Carrier



Kris King 🍷
Again shhning her up lol

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Kris King 🍷
No it increases drug n crime activity along with intoxication etc

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Kris King 🍷
Curbs near gas station are foolish

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Joey Kulkin ...
Not true.

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Chloe Collins ♥
You wont even dispose of needles because its too much work thats why you told me we have no safe disposal boxes and needles at the kids playgrounds

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Ed Woods is a liar and does lead the public astray with false information.

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Joey Kulkin

Your engineer is getting paid tens of thousands of dollars to be a Yes Man.

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Peter Levin

Joey Kulkin The Ben-Hi project is now \$49 Million??? Hale has no idea what he is doing. How can this project go from \$10 Million, then \$20 M, then \$30M to \$40 and now \$49? that is evidence of the incompetence and crooked deals that are going on. Everyone is filling their pockets with the grant money from this out of control project. The biggest question is....what is the Town doing in the middle of this project? If Hale wants to buy it, he should buy it from the owner. I sent out a video of three young businessmen, REAL businessman who bought a n old school for \$10 Million and did the rehab with THEIR OWN MONEY. This project was almost identical to the Ben-Hi project and it is Ben-Hi, not Benn Hi or Benn High. This whole project should be investigated.

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Joey Kulkin

Dan Monks steers tens of thousands of taxpayer dollars to his wife's business and he's throwing a silent temper tantrum right now because Nancy is asking a few questions so the public can be informed.

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Ruth Treweek

I'm asking an honest question here, because I don't personally know, what IS his wife's business that is funded? Honest question for educational purposes

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Joey Kulkin

RK Miles where she is the marketing director. RK Miles is getting tens of thousands of dollars for the Morgan Street bridge repair. This is a major purchase that requires bids. <https://cms5.revize.com/.../Policies/Purchasing-Policy.pdf>

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Ruth Treweek

Thank you. I just wanted accurate info. I hate to say, but I was uneducated on this. Thanks

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Joey Kulkin

YW. Here are the warrants. Everyone in town should read them before every meeting. You can see how RK Miles is getting tons of cash even though Dan Monks' wife is marketing director at RK Miles.

<https://cms5.revize.com/.../Public%20packet%200722%202024...>



Joey Kulkin

Here are the warrants for the 7/8 meeting and you can see RK Miles was paid tens of thousands of dollars <https://cms5.revize.com/.../Public%20%2058%20packet...>

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Joey Kulkin

"This is how we conduct ourselves." -- Ed Woods

That most comical line ever uttered by a Bennington Select Board member

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Jeffrey Grimshaw - Follow

Joey Kulkin How about, "These meetings are NOT for the public, they are for us (the board)!" ~ Jeannie Jenkins

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Joey Kulkin

Jenkins said that the documented lies she and Ed Woods and Stu Hurd and Dan Monks told would be addressed in the 7/8 manager's report but they were not so she lied.

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Joey Kulkin

Some interviewees got the full board vote, others did not. Jenkins is lying right in front of you.

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Joey Kulkin

The Banner will only put something in the paper if you pay Plaisance who will also siphon cash from the the town marketing bucket courtesy of Shannon Barsotti.

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Priscilla Setzer

Jeannie Jenkins is so rude!

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Joey Kulkin

Jenkins being condescending yet again even though she has been caught in lie after lie after lie.

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Priscilla Setzer

She's still rude!

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Mitch Davis

Is she on board now ?

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Nothing On covid. ?? Traffic drivings are scary

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Mitch Davis

Why is Nancy sitting there ?

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Plow the rail trail?? Didn't i bring that question up few years ago. ??? Better install that liability sign. You use the trail at your own risk...

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Debra Brillon

Holding them accountable Nancy way to go!

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Scott Davis

RAM will turn you away for Vision & Dental if your Blood Sugar or Blood Pressure is not in check. So have that in check before hand. They will see you for medical still.

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Joey Kulkin

It's too bad that board members won't tell the truth about the minutes of July 19. Serious conflicts of interest.

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Joey Kulkin

I watched the moment this speaker told Clark Adams about the need for poopy pots and trash bins and he took her info and made it happen. Great job, Clark!

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Bingo dairy bar

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Joey Kulkin

Great to see new board members who care enough to ask about how the money is spent via the warrants.

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Betsy Shapiro Greenawalt

Thanks for the promo for the Bennington Vermont Food Truck Festival! Sarah Perrin. Can't wait!

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Vermont didn't have the funds

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Brenda-Jack Myers Lettre

how about a sign just before the split in ny directing people down to the town and services...like you see on other highways.

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Joey Kulkin

Jack Rossiter-Munley does an excellent job with ECDC.

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Policy policy

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Lies
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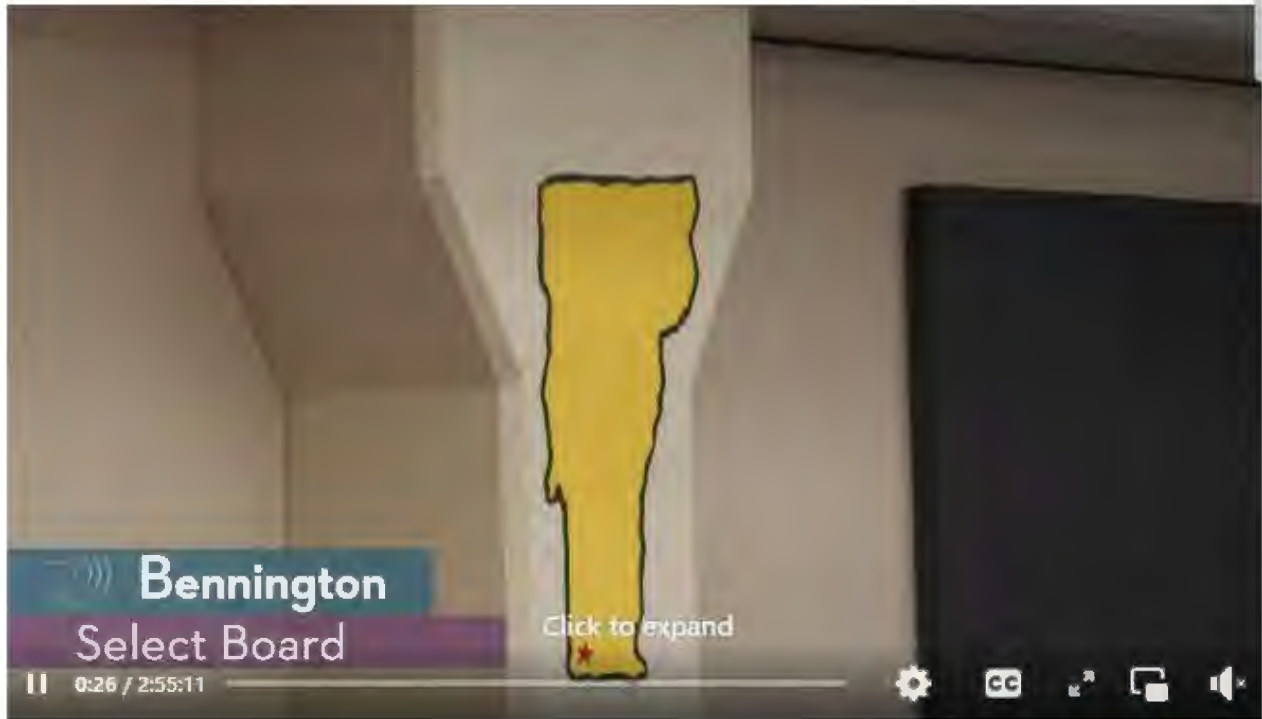
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Joey Kulkin

Cat-tv Bennington Hi, your funding is at risk if you go along with Stu's desire to silence citizens here on Facebook.

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Donna Lauzon

What is mean spirited? Is it making comments about other board members under your breath? Is it snapping at board members or trying to embarrass them because you don't like them personally? Is the board/staff/officials held to the same standard? There is a pompous, elitists air that may be exacerbating citizens frustration. Have you wondered if you should stop and say, "Some of the people in the town of Bennington are upset. We should reach out and see why?"

I hope the town reaches out to the VLCT, and the Secretary of State to ensure taxpayers rights aren't violated and that CAT-TV doesn't have to alter their guidelines regarding public access meetings. If the board sees this, I hope they know, many many people find some of you very condescending.

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Joe Hoag

Any and all forms of government, on all levels, deal with positive and negative feedback and comments. It's certainly ok to express your feelings, but to personally attack others because you disagree with their point of view and contention is where it becomes unexcitable behavior...

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Kristi Pepoon

Don't like the comments, don't read them. This is government.

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Kris King

Cat tv still has to follow fb standards as well. Which also stems from personal attacks under bullying. This is the only way public gets involved. If the town restricts cat tv. I suggest cat tv just stop n resort to other things to get public involvement

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Kris King

And increasing injuries from ppl that dont know they exist so ur increasing accidents

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Joey Kulkin

Why is the Select Board pushing a "school vote"

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Kris King

Speed humps, tables or whatever can make ppl feel sick too fyi

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Jennifer Mayhew

I think it is time for us to get the state and federal government engaged with our local government, " without them knowing " As they say the rest of the board doesn't need to know. Time Bennington taxpayers stop the madness of our leadership as they destroy our town.

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Johnny Oh-man

5 MPH is the limit for speed bumps, even villages need to follow the rules so main roads shouldn't have them. The Rail Trail is perfect so far, except for crossing to the walk bridge on Benmont.

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Ethan Allen

Old Bennington had a New York University do a traffic calming study back in 2003. They also suggested turning Corkscrew into a multi use trail. 🤖

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Joey Kulkin

Ethan Allen Here is that study: <https://www.scribd.com/.../2003-Corkscrew-Bike-Trail-Study>

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Ethan Allen

Joey Kulkin there is another study done by Albany University. That was done to calm traffic in Old B but they noticed the Corkscrew was not utilized.

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Ethan Allen

Joey Kulkin I sent it to your email

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Jennifer Mayhew ³

We have done enough for the shires! Enough Bennington, we as a town have had enough

Tired of paying for them. The taxpayers loss

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Kristi Pepoon

Oops are you meeting outside of the select board to discuss this?

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Kris King

Benmont is horrible. Remove the curbs by gas station

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Kris King

Why dont we have neon lines or something that reflects?

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Joey Kulkin

Voters have the chance of a lifetime to make real change to the Select Board in March. Please keep your eyes open for more info.

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Kristi Pepoon
Bully behavior Ed Woods

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Jennifer Mayhew ●
Enough of housing..... what about the Middle class in Bennington.

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Richard Setzer
Need more board members like Clark and Nancy, that truly care about Bennington and the tax payers.

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Kristi Pepoon
That is a conflict!!

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Debra Brillion
Still an attitude! Way to show the community what we already know.

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Wendy Lawrence
Leading drivers to any degree of increased confusion by removing center lines does not sound like a smart choice to me.



Kris King

Didnt town vote this down? ***

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Joey Kulkin

"My neighbors" = Ed Woods so Ed only cares about his street.

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Joey Kulkin

Clark and Nancy are the only honest board members.

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Joey Kulkin

Great question Clark. Jenkins doing business behind closed doors without letting any other board members know.

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Kris King

Just install sidewalks

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Jennifer Mayhew

There is always an excuse. Yet we suffer in Bennington.

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Kris King

Warning speed bump ahead signs

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Joey Kulkin

This vote is a decision of the town, Ed.



Kris King

People will speed to get air ...

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Jennifer Mayhew

Our police , our property values have suffered.

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Joey Kulkin

Ask Shannon about the \$400K that went to one general contractor for the community market instead of going out to bid.

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Jennifer Mayhew

They want the board to just vote, this last minute,

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I a

I'm going

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John L. Jefferson

He literally wants to make roads less safe 🤔

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Jennifer Mayhew

Why do we have to suffer other

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Kris King
Horrible idea

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Jennifer Mayhew
Shut it down

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Johnny Oh-man
If you instance on speed bumps than please make room for bicycles on the edge
always.

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Debra Brillon
Yes Nancy and Clark

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Joseph L. Pires
Watching from afar!

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Sammy Restino [Follow](#)
Very informative meeting well talked out. Monument ave will be difficult to slow down.
BPD does patrol

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Kim Perrotta
People speed everywhere

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Kristi Pepoon
Go, Sarah

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Kristi Pepoon
Genie, you are a politician. You have to suck it up. If you don't like it don't read it. I don't mean to be insensitive to your feelings, but your feelings don't matter in this situation.

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John L. Jefferson
Tell me more about your quality of life, overpaid Mr Monument Ave!

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Jennifer Mayhew
Bennington please stop being there scapegoat.
It is our neighborhood s that the people from shires in.
You be a neighbor!

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Mary Jean Haley Watters
Mary Jean Watters is watching

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Chloe Collins

Do the elderly have elevators yet Cat?

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Joey Kulkin

Chloe Collins Find out how much repairs were and how big a town loan Shires got.

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Jennifer Mayhew

She is not sorry, pushing though , so scary.

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Debra Brillon

Stumbling on words. Crapped her pants when she spilled the beans

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Jennifer Mayhew

This is a scam !!

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Jennifer Mayhew

So true !! She didn't say Bennington???

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Chloe Collins

Shires should face criminal charges

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Jennifer Mayhew

Time to stop them from taking advantage of of Bennington. Our resources that have hurt the taxpayers dollars.

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Joey Kulkin

This is word salad by Jenkins once again.

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Kristi Pepoon

Wow! I can't believe he just did that

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Jennifer Mayhew

She needs to be fired

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Debra Brillton

That is a yes

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Debra Brillton

Sneaky

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Joey Kulkin

Yes, read it.

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Richard Prentiss 🐼
Calm down.

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Corrinne Levin
No more public opinion but she's allowed to talk after voter, bs

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Debra Brillon
Did she just have attitude with Nancy

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Joseph L. Pires
Still watching from NC....

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Joey Kulkin
Ahhh, another "late" item lol

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Joey Kulkin
"has not be-GAN."

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Jennifer Mayhew ⓘ
Do not approve.

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Joey Kulkin
Alex Farrell violates state and federal law.

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Jennifer Mayhew ⓘ
The board are people with money that gets a cut. We can't be that stupid Bennington !
Again be a neighbor of a shires building. It is scary. Look at pleasant street people.
Our downtown!!!!

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Jennifer Mayhew

Let them deal with with their problems. Before Bennington does any. All bullshit , they can talk a good game . And then they are gone .

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Chloe Collins

Shires charged the shelter three months with no keys and 3k for one snow plow. Cat said it was okay if a kid died falling off a banister or in a fire as long as shires got they grant.

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Joey Kulkin

Ed Woods loves to correct board members yet has told lie after lie as vice chair.

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Jennifer Mayhew

Enough Bennington, let them go somewhere else, until they are proven. We all would rather establish a middle class neighbors than the "shire" bull.

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Jennifer Mayhew

She is full of bullshit!

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Debra Brillon

Oh god more lies



Joey Kulkin

Straight ineptitude and deceit and lies by liars.

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Jennifer Mayhew

Such bullshit, here comes Stu

That is bullshit, he hopes the board doesn't get it. We need to be so ahead of this!

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Jennifer Mayhew

I am a board president. This is bullshist. She is not being true.

But now you are asking a board to beside one

Meeting

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Joey Kulkin

Flies love shit, Stu, and you're full of it.

...

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Jennifer Mayhew

Al of sudden, didn't make to package ????? Do we have time ! !!! Stu You are a scammer

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Jennifer Mayhew

Stu... Another scammer



Debra Brillon
Crooks

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John L. Jefferson

This is unethical. He is seeking public funds and asking that his community directly benefit from the use of such funds. Crooked!

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Joey Kulkin

Dan Monks runs illegal DRB meetings and allows illegal votes.

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Joey Kulkin

Ed Woods is now trying to stuff the turf down the throats of taxpayers who have said NO twice. Hypocrite, as always.

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Kristi Pepoon

That is a conflict!!

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Joey Kulkin

Ed Woods doesn't care because he's a hypocrite. He railed on past Select Board candidates who said they might cast a vote that went against the wishes of a majority of the town yet is now trying to shove a \$3M turf down the throats of taxpayers who have said NO twice. Why is that? Is one of his buddies getting a piece of the action?

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Ethan Allen

Old Bennington had a New York University do a traffic calming study back in 2003. They also suggested turning Corkscrew into a multi use trail. 🤔 ...

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Joey Kulkin

Here is that study Ethan Allen cited: https://bit.ly/Benn_TrafficCalming

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**CAT-TV Facebook Data
Bennington Select Board**

Meeting Date	Facebook Views	Total # Comments	# of Individuals	# Hidden comments	# of Individuals
8-26-24	1800	88	21	16	5
8-12-24	1200	17	7	1	1
7-22-24	5300	177	23	11	3
7-8-24	2500	234	13	40	7
6-24-24	3000	171	9	6	3
6-10-24	2100	78	9	2	2
5-20-24	2400	53	9	0	0
5-13-24	2100	15	6	1	1
4-22-24	9000	291	36	11	8
4-8-24	5200	171	22	11	4
3-25-24	4100	222	16	2	2
3-11-24	1000	133	19	3	3
2-26-24	1400	206	33	2	3
2-12-24	482	17	7	0	0
1-22-24	1100	85	12	3	2
1-8-24	900	23	3	1	1
12-18-23	273	8	1	7	2
12-11-23	1500	136	11	4	2
11-27-23	641	69	10	13	2
11-13-23	1000	100	11	7	2
10-23-23	386	159	14	29	2
10-9-23	781	46	13	2	2
9-25-23	945	261	19	5	3
9-11-23	730	137	10	6	3

**Town of Bennington - Errors and Omissions
For September 9, 2024 Select Board Meeting**

		<u>Before</u>	<u>After</u>	<u>Difference</u>
1)	Parcel 48514400 Vermont Paws & Boots Inc. .98A Vacant Land Fox Hill Road, Bennington, VT	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500	\$ 0
2)	Parcel 48514500 Vermont Paws & Boots Inc. 1.83A Vacant Land Fox Hill Road, Bennington, VT	\$10,300	\$10,300	\$ 0

A phone call from a representative of ownership to the Assessor's Office on August 26, 2024 inquired about tax bills received for the two listed properties. A subsequent investigation revealed that although the adjacent, commonly owned property (Parcel 48514300 at 60 Colgate Heights) had been granted tax exempt status as of April 1, 2024, these two parcels that are used and occupied in conjunction were not listed as tax exempt as well.

The tax bills initially generated for Parcel 44514400 of \$194.30 & Parcel 44514500 of \$363.87 are not valid, and both should be dismissed.

**Tax bills (\$5,500 x 3.5327%) for \$194.30 & (\$10,300 x 3.5327%) for \$363.87
Combined total = \$558.17.**



Town of Bennington

205 South Street

PO Box 469

Bennington, VT 05201

(802) 442-1037

This is the only bill you will receive. Please forward to new owner if property is sold.

TAX BILL

PARCEL ID	BILL DATE	TAX YEAR
48514400.	08/26/2024	2024-25

Bill for July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

Taxes unpaid after the due date are delinquent. Maximum interest as allowable by law will be charged in addition to a penalty of 8%.

Location: FOX HILL RD

Description: .98A..

SPAN # 051-015-66564

SCL CODE: 015

TOTAL PARCEL ACRES

0.98

OWNER

VERMONT PAWS AND BOOTS, INC
MICHELLE LEBLANC
PO BOX 257
BENNINGTON VT 05201

FOR INCOME TAX PURPOSES

ASSESSED VALUE				NONHOMESTEAD			
REAL		5,500				5,500	
TOTAL TAXABLE VALUE		5,500				5,500	
GRAND LIST VALUES		55.00				55.00	
MUNICIPAL TAXES				EDUCATION TAXES			
TAX RATE NAME	TAX RATE	x GRAND LIST =	TAXES	TAX RATE NAME	TAX RATE	x GRAND LIST =	TAXES
General	0.9386	x55.00=	51.62	NON HOMESTEAD EDUCATION	1.9994	x55.00=	109.97
Highway	0.4962	x55.00=	27.29		1.3910 (state rate) / 69.57% (CLA) = 1.9994		
Rural Fire	0.0944	x55.00=	5.19				
Local Agreement	0.0041	x55.00=	0.23				
				Payments	TOTAL EDUCATION TAX 109.97		
				1 11/12/2024	EDUCATION STATE PAYMENT 0.00		
				194.30	EDUCATION NET TAX DUE 109.97		
					TAX SUMMARY		
					Municipal + Education		
TOTAL MUNICIPAL TAX			84.33	TOTAL TAX			194.30
MUNICIPAL STATE PAYMENT			0.00	TOTAL STATE PAYMENT			0.00
MUNICIPAL NET TAX DUE			84.33	TOTAL NET TAX DUE			194.30

DETACH THE STUBS BELOW AND RETURN WITH YOUR PAYMENT

Town of Bennington

PAYMENT DUE	TAX YEAR
11/12/2024	2024-25
OWNER NAME	
VERMONT PAWS AND BOOTS, INC	
PARCEL ID	
48514400-	
AMOUNT DUE	194.30
AMOUNT PAID	

Make checks payable to Town of Bennington. For a receipt, enclose entire bill with self addressed stamped envelope. No staples please.



VISA

Accepted by contacting
ACI Payments, Inc.
1-800-272-9829
www.acipayonline.com
jurisdiction code: 5507

48-51-43.00 - No TAX BILL

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Town of Bennington

205 South Street

PO Box 469

Bennington, VT 05201

(802) 442-1037

This is the only bill you will receive. Please forward to new owner if property is sold.

TAX BILL

PARCEL ID	BILL DATE	TAX YEAR
48514500.	08/16/2024	2024-25

Bill for July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

Taxes unpaid after the due date are delinquent. Maximum interest as allowable by law will be charged in addition to a penalty of 8%.

Location: FOX HILL RD

Description: 1.83A..

OWNER VERMONT PAWS AND BOOTS, INC
PO BOX 257
BENNINGTON VT 05201

SPAN # 051-015-66565 SCL CODE: 015
TOTAL PARCEL ACRES 1.83

FOR INCOME TAX PURPOSES

ASSESSED VALUE				NONHOMESTEAD			
REAL		10,300				10,300	
TOTAL TAXABLE VALUE			10,300	10,300			
GRAND LIST VALUES			103.00	103.00			
MUNICIPAL TAXES				EDUCATION TAXES			
TAX RATE NAME	TAX RATE	x GRAND LIST =	TAXES	TAX RATE NAME	TAX RATE	x GRAND LIST =	TAXES
General	0.9386	x103.00=	96.68	NON HOMESTEAD EDUCATION	1.9994	x103.00=	205.94
Highway	0.4962	x103.00=	51.11				
Rural Fire	0.0944	x103.00=	9.72				
Local Agreement	0.0041	x103.00=	0.42				
				1.3910 (state rate) 69.57% (CLA) = 1.9994			
				Payments	TOTAL EDUCATION TAX 205.94		
				1 11/12/2024	EDUCATION STATE PAYMENT 0.00		
				363.87	EDUCATION NET TAX DUE 205.94		
				TAX SUMMARY			
				Municipal + Education			
TOTAL MUNICIPAL TAX			157.93	TOTAL TAX			363.87
MUNICIPAL STATE PAYMENT			0.00	TOTAL STATE PAYMENT			0.00
MUNICIPAL NET TAX DUE			157.93	TOTAL NET TAX DUE			363.87

DETACH THE STUBS BELOW AND RETURN WITH YOUR PAYMENT

Town of Bennington

PAYMENT DUE	TAX YEAR
11/12/2024	2024-25
OWNER NAME	
VERMONT PAWS AND BOOTS, INC	
PARCEL ID	
48514500-	
AMOUNT DUE	363.87
AMOUNT PAID	

Make checks payable to Town of Bennington. For a receipt, enclose entire bill with self addressed stamped envelope. No staples please.



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MANAGER'S REPORT
September 9, 2024

ACTION

UCS Superhero 5 K Road Closures This annual event is scheduled for Saturday November 2. UCS seeks to close Main Street from Benmont Avenue to Branch Street and Gage Street from Bradford to Safford Street. Kick- off is scheduled for 9 am. It should be over by noon. They have been working closely with BPD.

Action Requested Motion to approve the closures as presented.

INFORMATIONAL

Walloomsac Valley Pathway Grant Award I am pleased to announce that the Town was successful is pursuing additional grant funds for the former Ninja Trail. The VTRANS Bicycle & Pedestrian Program has approved \$1,058,400.00 in federal funds under the Large Scale/Additional Funding category. This is a reimbursement grant and requires a 20% match which may include in-kind work. This may allow the Town to complete the entire pathway.

Major Projects The paving of the streets scheduled for this year including Benmont Ave and Hunt Street should be completed soon. Other streets to be paved include Bradley Drive, a portion of Elm Street, Lafayette Street, Pageant Street, Weeks Street, Settlers Road and Spring Hill Road. The last two were where new water lines were installed due to PFOA contamination. We expect that upper Gage Street and Frank Street will also be paved this year as this water main replacement project moves to completion.

FOLLOW UP

Legal Opinions Two legal opinions were sought from Town Counsel. The first questioned the appropriate purchasing procedures related to the skatepark and the general designer/contractor selection process. Counsel found that the Town followed the appropriate protocols under the ARPA rules and its Purchasing Policy. The second questioned the proper notice and conduct of the public hearing regarding the request for a planning grant to assist in the Shires potential merger. Counsel determined that the notice and hearing were lawful and appropriate. The written opinions are retained as confidential to protect the Town's lawyer/client privileges.

Select Board Listening Sessions Looking at every other month, the following sessions are planned for the third Wednesday in October (Oct. 16), December (Dec. 18), and February (Feb 19) from 6 pm until 7 pm at the Fire Facility.

The Community Development and Permitting/Planning Reports are attached.

Beth Antognioni

From: Stuart Hurd
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2024 7:38 AM
To: Beth Antognioni
Subject: FW: UCS 2024 Superhero 5K and Kids' Dash
Attachments: Outlook-A blue and; Outlook-A logo for

Importance: High

FYI

From: Amy Fela (she/her) <AFela@UCSVT.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 6:57 AM
To: Stuart Hurd <shurd@benningtonvt.org>; Chief Doucette <Paul.doucette@vermont.gov>; Cam Grande <camillo.grande@vermont.gov>
Cc: Sarah Church <SChurch@ucsvt.org>; Amy Fela (she/her) <AFela@UCSVT.org>
Subject: UCS 2024 Superhero 5K and Kids' Dash
Importance: High

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Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Good morning,

United Counseling Service is requesting the support of the Bennington Police Department and the Town of Bennington in hosting our seventh annual UCS Superhero 5K and Kids' Dash, on Saturday, November 2, 2024. We are requesting the closure of Main (from Benmont Avenue to Branch Street) and Gage (from Bradford to Safford Streets) Streets for the duration of the event, with a kick-off time of 9:00 a.m. As in past years, we have worked collaboratively to close these sections of roadway just before the event begins and for the duration of the event. We look forward to working with you again this year for the road closures, the placement of safety cones along the course, traffic control and participant and volunteer safety. UCS will continue to have a Race Director and an event team that will work closely with the Town of Bennington, the Bennington Police Department, and the staff at the Berkshire YMCA at the Bennington Recreation Center to ensure event logistics are in order to provide a safe event for participants and community members alike. We are looking forward to this in-person event which brings our community together to engage in a fun and healthy activity.

The UCS Superhero 5K Race Team looks forward to working with Chief Doucette and Lieutenant Grande in the planning of this upcoming event and will follow the Special Events and Demonstrations policy as provided on the Town of Bennington website.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information. Thank you for your consideration and support.



Peter T. Pochop
Project Manager
State of Vermont
Municipal Assistance Section
219 North Main Street | Barre, VT 05641
www.vtrans.vermont.gov

Peter.Pochop@vermont.gov

Agency of Transportation

[phone] 802-477-3123

August 29, 2024

VIA EMAIL

Daniel Monks, Assistant Town Manager
Town of Bennington
205 South St.
Bennington, VT 05201

*Wallensack Valley
Parkway*

Re: Bennington Ninja Path Additional Funding

Dear Daniel,

Congratulations on your successful application for funding to the 2024 VTrans Bicycle & Pedestrian Program. Your project was approved for \$1,958,400 in federal funds under our Large Scale / Additional Funding category. Approximately half of your additional project funding is from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Carbon Reduction Program (CRP), which funds projects designed to reduce transportation emissions by focusing investments on bicycle, pedestrian, transit, micromobility and fleet electrification projects, in alignment with the VT Carbon Reduction Strategy.

In accordance with the requirements of the program your award amount is capped, so it will be important for the municipality to monitor the project budget closely. Funding will be available once a grant agreement with the Agency of Transportation (VTrans) is executed. With our current increased workload due to the recent statewide flooding, the grant agreements may be delayed. I ask for your patience as we work through these agreements as quickly as possible.

As you know, this is a reimbursement program and not a direct grant. The City will be responsible for 20% of the total project costs. The offering of this award should not be construed as approval of all work, methods, terms or other specifics proposed in your application. Your award will be governed by the terms of the Grant Agreement with VTrans, including all applicable VTrans, State, and Federal program requirements.

Your current Agency project manager will continue to work with you to advance this project to construction. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me at 802-477-3123. We look forward to working with you and assisting your community toward successful completion of your project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Pochop".

Peter Pochop

cc: Bennington County Regional Commission
Matthew Arancio, VTrans Planning Coordinator
Project File

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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 youth sports, swim classes, and adult fitness classes are on the BFYMCA website: <https://bfymca.org/locations-0/bennington-rec-branch-berkshire-family-ymca>

Walloomsac Riverwalk Improvement Project:

The Town received a \$200,000 Downtown Transportation Fund grant for improvements along the Riverwalk, which include widening the pathway to make it shared use for both pedestrians and cyclists and adding lighting. The improvements to the Riverwalk also include a connection to the new Rail Trail. The final piece of the project will be some additional signage to connect the Riverwalk to the Rail Trail and Skatepark.

Bennington Skatepark Project:

The Select Board approved the construction contract with GRINDLINE, the firm who will be the designer/builders of the Bennington skatepark. GRINDLINE also built the Manchester and Burlington skateparks. The skatepark committee reached our fundraising goal a month early thanks to the many individuals, organizations, and businesses who donated to our crowdfunding campaign. Town staff, GRINDLINE, and MSK Engineers are working on the final plans and construction on the skatepark has begun.

Downtown Transportation Fund skatepark grant:

I submitted a grant application for the Agency of Commerce and Community Development's Downtown Transportation Fund, and we received the full amount of \$200,000 for the Bennington Skatepark. DTF funding has been used to revitalize downtown areas such as the Park at 336 (Pocket Park), Franklin Lane, and the Downtown Riverwalk. These latest funds will support additional lighting, benches, security cameras, landscaping, and the pathway connections to the Riverwalk and Rail Trail from the skatepark.

Vermont Begins Here marketing update:

The annual Town budget includes \$40,000 for marketing expenses for the Vermont Begins Here campaign to promote both downtown Bennington as well as area attractions such as cultural institutions and outdoor recreation. Eight Oh Two Marketing manages the VBH digital marketing campaign and website to promote Bennington to tourists, and the Bennington Banner manages the VBH social media content. The VBH blog post for September promoted home based food businesses, food trucks, and farm stands in Bennington.

Town marketing expenses for FY24:

- \$18,000 (\$1500 per month) for Vermont Begins Here paid digital ads on Google (such as "Things to Do in Bennington") and Facebook (photo collages with links to area attractions).
- \$5200 (\$430 per month) for digital marketing (Search Engine Optimization) and website management to Eight Oh Two Marketing.

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Shannon Barsotti

- \$16,000 (\$1300 per month) for VBH social media management (Facebook and Instagram), Mailchimp monthly e-newsletter content creation, and ads in Banner and Vermont Country Magazine to Bennington Banner.
- \$1500 for Shires Guide ad to Southwestern Vermont Chamber of Commerce.
- \$800 for Mailchimp (email newsletter) and SiteGround (web hosting) fees.

Note that the annual town marketing budget is \$40,000 and we went over by \$1500, which came from the Shires Guide ad. We had some reserve from the year prior, so this covered the overage.

Eight Oh Two Marketing noted that VBH organic rankings and traffic have increased steadily since the campaign was launched. Organic traffic is those visitors that land on a website from unpaid sources rather than paid ads. Here is a comparison in total currently ranking keywords among the VBH and BBC and the SW Chamber websites:

- Vermontbeginshere.com: 2.6k keywords
- Bennington.com: 1.7k keywords
- Betterbennington.com: 894 keywords

For comparison, I also researched the marketing budgets of other neighboring towns in Vermont:

- Brattleboro spends \$45,000 for marketing and \$20,000 for arts events (\$45,000 comes from local option tax revenue).
- Rutland spends \$120,000 on marketing (70% corporate sponsorship and 30% municipality). Municipal funds come from Mayor's budget.
- Manchester allocates \$50,000 to Manchester Business Association from their annual town budget.
- Wilmington spends \$110,000 on digital marketing and \$40,000 on events from their local option tax revenue. Dover also spends \$110,000 for a combined marketing budget of \$220,000.

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 are administered through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and flow through the Town of Bennington to each partner in the project. The goal of the initiative is to connect partners in the local food system and create jobs in the food sector.

Community Development Block Grants:

The Vermont Community Development program recently awarded an enhancement grant of \$613,810 to the Town of Bennington to support the Benn High redevelopment. Shires Housing has also received a VCDP award of \$700,000 for the Squire House recovery housing project on North Street and \$1,000,000 for a recovery housing project on 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:

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Shannon Barsotti

I am working closely with Hale Resources, the developer of the overall project, and am researching grants to help support the Benn High redevelopment. My application for Congressionally Directed Spending for the Benn High redevelopment was awarded \$1 million from Representative Becca Balint's office. The Town also received a \$150,000 grant from the Community Partnership for Neighborhood Development program of the Agency of Commerce and Community Development to help cover some of the predevelopment costs for the Benn High project. The Benn High Redevelopment was recognized as a 2023 Vital Project by Southern Vermont Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). The Town's application to the Northern Border Regional Commission was also awarded \$1 million for the Benn High project, with a focus on the childcare center.

I am currently working with Mariya Shcheglovitova, Extension Assistant Professor in Community and Economic Development for UVM Extension, on an EPA Community Change grant application to support Benn High as a Community Resilience Hub and Neighborworks with a Community Resilience Fund to provide housing repairs and energy efficiency upgrades to homes in the neighborhood surrounding Benn High.

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, Southwestern VT Chamber of Commerce, Shires Housing, and Maple Leaf Realty.

Historic Preservation Commission:

Thomas Scheetz, a recent MAUHS graduate and member of the Historic Preservation Commission, worked on a project for the HPC through the SPARK program at Harvard University, where he is now attending college. Thomas researched historic properties on Pleasant Street to prepare for a National Register of Historic Places application. HPC members are using this research for a historical walking tour of Pleasant Street that will be organized later this fall.

Equitable & Inclusive Communities Grant:

The Town received a \$10,000 grant from the Vermont Community Foundation for a mural project at 120 Union Street, the Bennington Multicultural Community Center (and offices of the Ethiopian Community Development Council). Murals have been designed by the Afghan Art Lords, a group of internationally recognized artists and members of Bennington's refugee community.

Community Outreach:

In the past month, I have met with the Benn Hi Redevelopment team, BFYMCA management team, Better Bennington Corporation, Bennington Banner, Eight Oh Two Marketing, Skatepark Committee, Historic Preservation Commission, Shires Housing, UVM Cooperative Extension, Southwest Tech, the Ethiopian Community Development Council, and the Vermont Council on Rural Development.

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

Month	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
January	11	5	8	15	10	5	6	5	11	15	16	15
February	6	7	15	8	5	7	5	8	9	10	12	20
March	13	12	10	14	19	11	13	9	19	22	18	32
April	18	22	27	14	15	15	23	11	29	33	24	33
May	38	20	23	19	27	23	24	19	23	29	36	29
June	20	19	21	19	10	14	12	25	16	21	35	16
July	33	29	47	16	29	30	28	12	16	20	35	40
August	21	29	20	18	25	25	16	27	16	28	25	21
September	32	27	22	21	21	23	26	9	14	23	30	
October	30	21	28	9	19	20	20	17	29	17	28	
November	16	11	12	8	16	11	8	15	19	19	37	
December	18	7	10	5	8	11	11	5	10	12	23	
Total	256	209	243	166	204	195	192	162	211	249	319	

Summary of Building Permits Issued

August 2024

Construction Type	Month to date	Month to Date Volume	Year to date	Year to Date Volume
	Permit Totals		Permit Totals	
Single Family Dwelling	1	\$179,000.00	6	\$2,020,715.00
Duplex	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Mobile Homes	1	\$30,000.00	5	\$207,000.00
Apartments	0	\$0.00	1	\$0.00
Apartment Renovations	3	\$21,600.00	12	\$1,917,900.00
Condominiums	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Residential Renovations	3	\$551,885.37	11	\$816,643.94
Residential Additions	0	\$0.00	1	\$30,000.00
Commercial Construction	0	\$0.00	5	\$5,903,000.00
Commercial Renovations	1	\$50.00	17	\$6,166,950.00
Industrial Construction	0	\$0.00	1	\$45,000.00
Industrial Renovations	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Garages	1	\$10,000.00	4	\$75,300.00
Sheds	3	\$18,400.00	13	\$75,545.00
Decks / Porch	0	\$0.00	19	\$156,700.00
Institutions	0	\$0.00	4	\$1,552,465.26
Signs	2	\$36,254.00	20	\$119,644.00
Use & Zoning	1	\$20,000.00	10	\$3,079,000.00
Subdivision	0	\$0.00	4	\$0.00
Home Occupation	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Propane Tank/Storage Tank	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Boilers/Furnaces/RTU's, A/C	0	\$0.00	3	\$38,260.00
Tents	1	\$3,500.00	4	\$26,600.00
Handicap Access/Ramps	1	\$1,500.00	1	\$1,500.00
Concreate Slabs	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Cell Towers/Communications	0	\$0.00	1	\$120,000.00
Solar Installations	0	\$0.00	18	\$588,477.56
Camps	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Withdrawn	0	\$0.00	5	\$0.00
Demolition	2	\$0.00	17	\$0.00
Fire Supression	0	\$0.00	4	\$0.00
Sprinkler System	1	\$0.00	6	\$0.00
Exhaust Hood	0	\$0.00	4	\$0.00
Fire Alarm	0	\$0.00	10	\$0.00
Total	21	\$872,189.37	206	\$22,940,700.76

Town of Bennington Planning and Zoning

Detailed Permit Report

Permit types included: Building

Approval status included: Granted

Occupancy status included: Any status

Decision dates included: Between 08/01/2024 and 08/31/2024

<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>
09010200	24-135	BABSON COLBY John Babson Sr N BRANCH ST Double wide with an addition 4bedroom	Building C.O. Pending	Granted 08/09/2024	508.00 30,000.00
11010500	24-132	WINDRUSH CAMP LLC Alan Benoit 2365 MONUMENT AV Interior renovations	Building C.O. Pending	Granted 08/08/2024	150.00 250,000.00
22501300	24-134	PRATT STEPHEN A & ROSEANNE T Stephen Pratt 1363 N BENNINGTON RD 12x18 Shed	Building C.O. Pending	Granted 08/08/2024	45.00 9,000.00
22502302	24-142	LOOMIS RONALD H & FLORENCE LIFE LOOMIS RONALD H & FLORENCE LIFE 1639 N BENNINGTON RD modular, breezeway and garage	Building C.O. Pending	Granted 08/29/2024	221.50 179,000.00
24503202	24-147	DMC ENTERPRISES LLC Old Brick 1371 HARWOOD HILL RD change from warehouse to mercantile use	Building C.O. Pending	Granted 08/29/2024	50.00
43511000	24-139	RUTLAND WEST NBHD HOUSING Hale Apartments, LLC 32 PAGEANT ST comprehensive updates and improvements to aspects to modernize	Building C.O. Pending	Granted 08/15/2024	32.50 288,885.37
45010700	24-143	CULLINAN ROBERT G & BREGT E CULLINAN ROBERT G & BREGT E 751 N BRANCH ST Shed 10X20	Building C.O. Pending	Granted 08/23/2024	45.00 7,000.00
49524800	24-130	PHILLIPS MARK S & ELIZABETH J Mark & Elizabeth Phillips 132 HARRISON AV 12x24 Garage	Building C.O. Pending	Granted 08/06/2024	48.80 10,000.00
50517100	24-136	RGN BENNINGTON HOLDINGS LLC SWVT Chamber of Commerce 113 DEPOT ST temporary event tents (x2) from 8/30/2024-9/3/2024	Building C.O. Not required	Granted 08/13/2024	35.00 3,500.00

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50572100	24-140	TOMAR LLC TOMAR LLC 133 ELM ST fire escape balcony platform	Building C.O. Pending	Granted 08/19/2024	50.00 1,500.00
51510800	24-146	FLANDERS JEAN M Michelle Crandall 215 GROVE ST change from duplex to single family dwelling	Building C.O. Pending	Granted 08/26/2024	50.00 100.00
51556500	24-100	BABSON'S APARTMENTS LLC Venece Babson 737 MAIN ST Minor renovations for Daycare Center	Building C.O. Pending	Granted 08/09/2024	50.00 20,000.00
51557700	24-131	BARRIERE BERNARD L & BLEAU JENNA Jenna Bleau 131 BEECH ST 12x17 shed	Building C.O. Pending	Granted 08/08/2024	35.00 2,400.00
52514000	24-138	RACANA RYAN T RACANA RYAN T 508 BURGESS RD resupporting house by replacing support beams	Building C.O. Pending	Granted 08/14/2024	25.00 13,000.00
56513300	24-133	UNITED COUNSELING SERVICES Jeff Davis 329 SOUTH ST Rebuild existing ramp	Building C.O. Pending	Granted 08/08/2024	50.00 1,500.00

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51557700	2024	BARRIERE BERNARD L & BLEAU JENNA Jenna Bleau 131 BEECH ST demo shed - tree fell on it	Local/Custom C.O. Not required	Granted 08/12/2024	0.00
58520504	2024	SWEET DOUGLAS G Linda Sweet 4 SWEETS MHP SO	Local/Custom C.O. Pending	Withdrawn 08/13/2024	25.00

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36500700	S24-020	HDC2 REALTY BENNINGTON LLC Saxton Sign Corp/Ron Levesque 219 NORTHSIDE DR Multiple signs (11)	Sign C.O. Not required	Granted 08/29/2024	575.00 35,550.00
49520202	S24-019	VESCO INC 75% & WHIRLWIND MRS LLC Mark Ballard 141 MAIN ST 62"x69" window lettering	Sign C.O. Not required	Granted 08/26/2024	72.50 704.00

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51556500	24-100	BABSON'S APARTMENTS LLC	Zoning	Granted	08/08/2024 100.00
		Babson's Apartments LLC	C.O. Pending		20,000.00
		737 MAIN ST			
		Change of Use: Convert Multi-family Dwelling Into A	Childcare Center/Office & 2 Rental Units		

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Permit types included: Sprinkler System
Approval status included: Granted
Occupancy status included: Any status
Decision dates included: Between 08/01/2024 and 08/31/2024

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44504300	F24-025	OSJ OF BENNINGTON VT LLC MPE Inc. 95 BENNINGTON SQ Modify existing sprinkler system	Sprinkler System C.O. Pending	Granted 08/06/2024	50.00