



# Town of Bennington

## Communications Coordinator Report – June 26, 2023

### Expect the Unexpected

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

### Public Outreach

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

### 250th Planning

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

### Community Events

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

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

### Organizational Outreach

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

### Motel Voucher Program

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

### By The Numbers

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

### FACEBOOK POST OF THE MONTH:

**Boost post**

**Woof! The dog park at Willow Park has a new water fountain. Town buildings ...**  
 June 14, 2023 at 9:15 AM  
 ID: 554045536944857

**Interactions**

👍 202 reactions    💬 15 comments    ➦ 10 shares

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**Performance**

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