



Bennington County Regional Commission

2022 Annual Meeting - Thursday, May 19 5:30 PM

**Kilburn Meeting Room
at the
Manchester Town Office Building**
(Just off VT 7A north of Downtown Manchester: [DIRECTIONS](#))

A remote meeting option via ZOOM will be available; access details will be included on the agenda which will be distributed approximately two weeks prior to the meeting.

You are invited to join us for the Annual Meeting of the Bennington County Regional Commission. This event provides an opportunity for BCRC commissioners and staff to gather with local officials, businesses, and residents as we highlight the Commission's work in community and economic development. We return with our first in-person regular Commission meeting since early 2020! We'll begin with a light meal provided by Zoey's Deli (free to attendees—please note RSVP request below), hear a brief report on the BCRC's work over the past year and a look at plans and priorities for the future, recognize this year's Bongartz Award winner, and then listen as Vermont's Commissioner of Housing and Community Development discusses the state's housing crisis and actions being taken to support the provision of quality affordable housing.

Schedule

- 5:30PM - Social Hour / Sandwiches
- 6:15 PM - Executive Director's Report: Program Highlights and a Look to the Future
- 6:30 PM - Bongartz Award Presentation
- 6:45 PM - Featured Speaker: Josh Hanford, Commissioner of the Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development
- 7:30 PM - Adjourn



Commissioner Josh Hanford

Housing affects workforce availability, economic development, community vitality, public health, and many other aspects of the quality of life for all Vermonters. Commissioner of the Department of Housing and Community Development, Josh Hanford, will provide context for the current shortage of housing facing the state as well as information about recent efforts to

provide additional financial support and regulatory reform to address those needs.

Bongartz Award Presentation

The BCRC's annual Bongartz Award is presented to a person who has demonstrated "ideals, beliefs, and excellence in community planning and service." This year's award will be presented to long-time Sunderland town clerk and treasurer, Rose Keough. Please join us in recognizing Rose's remarkable legacy of service to her community.

RSVP:

The meeting is free and open to the public, but please let us know by May 5 if you plan to attend and whether you will be bringing a guest(s) so that we can be sure to have enough food! Just send a note or call Jim Sullivan at the BCRC....

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