



MINUTES
BCRC Annual Meeting
May 17, 2018
5:00 PM
West Mountain Inn – Arlington, Vermont

Present: Gail Acosta, Leslie Addison, TJ Anania, Mark Anders, Judy Boehlert, Seth Bongartz, Donald Brodie, Catherine Bryars, Donald Campbell, Phil Chapman, Linda Chapman, Zirwat Chowdhury, Kelly Clarke, Bill Colvin, Suzy dePeyster, Valerie dePeyster, Macy Disney, Rebecca Dragon, Matt Dragon, Stacey Eggsware, Matt Harrington, Adriana Hazelton, Jim Henderson, Nancy Henderson, Janet Hurley, Sonja Jaffee, John La Vecchia, Sarah Lang, Jim Lee, Karen Lee, Tara Lowary, Kyle Mason, Dan Monks, Amanda Monks, Paul Myers, Tyler Resch, Ann Resch, Mary Rogers, Liz Ruffa, Linda Sciarappa, Jay Sciarappa, Eric Scott, Ed Shea, Allison Strohl, Jim Sullivan, Sarah Truax, Hal Wilkins, Chris Williams, Rob Woolmington, Meg Woolmington, Tyler Yandow, Jason Dolmetch, Michael Snyder

- I. Dinner was served following a social hour where commissioners, staff, local officials, and residents talked about a variety of subjects. Chair Janet Hurley of Manchester opened the business meeting and announced the results of the annual election of officers and interest group representatives. Elected by vote of commissioners were:

Officers

- Chair - Janet Hurley
- Vice-Chair – Dan Monks
- Secretary – John LaVecchia
- Treasurer – Suzanne dePeyster

Interest Groups

- Local Food and Agriculture – Liz Ruffa
- Housing – Jonathan Ryan
- Transportation – Bruce Lierman
- Community Public Health – Cathy Vogel
- Economic Development – Jon Hale
- Energy – Wayn Goodman
- Conservation – Donald Campbell
- Local Business – Greg Van Houten

Approval of the Minutes of the March meeting was deferred to July.

II. Bongartz Award Presentation

Hurley introduced Seth Bongartz to present the award named after his father, Ferdinand “Nundy” Bongartz. This year’s recipient was Rob Woolmington, resident of North Bennington, prominent attorney who has successfully represented many towns and the BCRC throughout his career, former chair of the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board (and current or former chair of several other important state and regional organizations), and president of the Fund for North Bennington where he has overseen numerous community improvement projects including land conservation and construction of miles of recreational trails for public use.

III. Michael Snyder – Commissioner of the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation

Commissioner Snyder spoke about the value of Vermont’s forests, some of the physical and economic challenges confronting our natural resources, and the many opportunities for protecting and enhancing forests while simultaneously supporting economic development. Audience members asked a number of questions on a variety of topics which were answered by the Commissioner.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.