



Bennington County Regional Commission

Minutes

Thursday, January 16, 2025

6:00 PM

Sunderland Town Office, Sunderland, VT
and via Zoom

Commissioners Present: Andrew McKeever, Walter Klinger, David McAneny, Nick Zaiac, John LaVecchia, Charlie Rockwell, Martha Cornwell, Gordon Black, Dana Rozycki, Sheila Kearns, Donald Campbell

Public Present: Jasen Fredrickson, David Saldo, Todd Lawrence, Martin Nadler, Bill Jones, Ali Zaiac

BCRC Staff: Bill Colvin, Callie Fishburn, Janet Hurley, Samantha Page, Jim Henderson, Scott Grimm-Lyon, Dara Zink

1. Approve Minutes of November 21, 2024 meeting

Motion by David McAneny, second by John Lavecchia. Approved unanimously.

2. Vermont Emergency Management Update

Dara Zink introduced the new VEM regional coordinator for Bennington and Rutland Counties, Bill Jones. Due to restructuring at VEM, the Southern Vermont region has been split into Windham/Windsor Counties and Bennington/Rutland Counties. This will allow the regional coordinator to take on additional responsibilities. Bill has been in his new role for about a month and will be connecting with each of the emergency management directors and help with Local Emergency Management Plans and training exercises.

3. Brownfield Program Update

Jim Henderson gave an overview of the Brownfield Program from 2006 to the present. He provided background on various funding sources utilized and highlighted numerous success stories which resulted in redevelopment of Brownfield sites.

4. 2026 Bennington Regional Plan – Public Engagement Plan

Samantha Page gave a presentation on the future land use mapping project and public engagement plan for the 2026 Bennington Regional Plan.

5. Other Business

This is Janet Hurley's last meeting as an employee of the BCRC. Bill thanked Janet for her time at BCRC and congratulated her on her new role as chair of the Land Use Review Board.

Motion to adjourn by John Lavecchia, second by Martha Cornwell.

The meeting adjourned at 7:26pm.

Respectfully submitted,

William Colvin
Director