

Planning Board Reporting Form for Proposed Municipal Plan

Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §4384(c), which states:

“When considering an amendment to a plan, the planning commission shall prepare a written report on the proposal. The report shall address the extent to which the plan, as amended, is consistent with the goals established in §4302 of this title.”

the North Bennington Planning Board has prepared the following report on the proposed North Bennington Village Plan, which will receive input at a public hearing scheduled for **October 2018**.

The North Bennington Planning Board has prepared the Village Plan with technical support from Bennington County Regional Commission staff beginning in the fall of 2017 and concluding in the summer of 2018. While overall structure and content of the plan are based on North Bennington’s previous Village Plan (last updated March 4, 2013), the Planning Board made significant changes in the form of a new section on Flood Resilience, information about PFOA contamination and water line extensions, updated maps, school changes, hydro power and water quality initiatives, updated data from the U.S. Census and 5-year estimates program, completed road projects, and other edits throughout existing chapters. The outline of the new plan is as follows:

1. Introduction
2. Vision for North Bennington’s Future
3. Natural Resources
4. Historic Resources
5. Economic Development
6. Land Use
7. Housing
8. Transportation
9. Energy
10. Community Facilities and Services
11. Consistency with State Planning Goals

The proposed North Bennington Village Plan does not alter the designation of any land area. Chapter 11 outlines the plan’s compliance with state planning goals as described in 24 V.S.A. §4302. Plan updates reflect the priorities of village residents as incorporated by the North Bennington Planning Board.

Copies of the proposed North Bennington Village Plan are available for review at the Village Offices by request and on the website of the Bennington County Regional Commission at the following web page: <http://www.bcrcvt.org/newssept17bennplan.html>

The chair of the North Bennington Planning board may be contacted by email with questions about the plan or a request to view a printed copy of the plan: mattvermont@icloud.com

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