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Annual Meeting of the BCRC May 21, 2015 ~ 6:00 PM Mount Anthony Country Club - Bennington

Present: See Attached List

Following a social hour and dinner, the BCRC's executive director, Jim Sullivan welcomed everyone to the annual meeting of the Commission. Sullivan then provided an overview of the Commission's activities during the past year, noting that the BCRC has been working on behalf of its member communities since 1967. Areas highlighted in his remarks included: a new regional plan, updating municipal plans, transportation system improvements, brownfields redevelopments, formation of a new regional solid waste alliance and plan, local hazard mitigation planning, economic development work in both the Southshire and Northshire, comprehensive energy planning and several healthy community initiatives. Sullivan acknowledged the excellent staff and support from commissioners and partnering individuals and organizations. He also recognized Collette Galusha, the BCRC's financial manager, who is retiring at the end of the year after 44 years of service to the organization.

Ed Shea, vice-chair of the BCRC, announced the results of the election of officers and interest group commissioners:

- Daniel Monks, Chair
- Ed Shea, Vice-Chair
- Meg Cottam, Secretary
- Suzanne dePeyster, Treasurer
- Executive Committee Member Appointed by the Chair: Janet Hurley

Interest Group Representatives:

- Helen Fields, Local Food and Agriculture
- Greg van Houten, Local Business
- Bruce Lierman, Transportation

- Sheilah Printz, Community Public Health
- John Broderick, Housing
- Peter Odierna, Economic Development
- Scott Printz, Energy
- Shelly Stiles, Conservation

Shea then introduced Vermont's Lieutenant Governor, Phil Scott, who provided some background on his personal history in business and politics and discussed the recently completed legislative session. He focused on the "affordability crisis" in Vermont, for businesses and individuals, and the need to always think about what can be done to support business vitality and growth. Scott answered several questions from the audience following his speech.

Sullivan introduced Seth Bongartz, who was on hand to present the Bongartz Award for excellence in community planning and service to this year's winner, Trevor Mance. Mance has established a successful and growing business and has been a leader in developing and implementing environmentally and economically responsible material management initiatives, including large-scale composting and recycling operations.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Sullivan

ATTENDANCE							
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BCRC COMMISSIONERS:	Judy Boehlert			Sandgate			
	Suzanne dePeyster			Sandgate			
	Nancy Faesy			Dorset			
	Janet Hurley			Manchester Village			
	Rick Kelley			Manchester			
	Walter Klinger			Pownal			
	John LaVecchia			Dorset			
	Bruce Lierman			At Large - Transportation			
	Pauline Moore			Manchester			
	Paul Myers			Peru			
	William Pennebaker			Shaftsbury			
	Scott Printz			At Large - Energy			
	Sheilah Printz			At Large - Public Health			
	Ed Shea			Woodford			
GUEST SPEAKER:	Lieutenant Governor Phil Scott						
LEGISLATORS:	Rep. Mary Morrissey						
GUESTS:	Leslie Addison			Anne Mook			
	Charles Bentley, Jr.			Wesley Mook			
	Christine Bongartz			Colin Moore			
	Seth Bongartz			Maddi Nagel			
	Cynthia Brownell			Sara Gilbert			
	Nelson Brownell			Rob Raffone			
	Donald Campbell			Liz Ruffa			
	Jessica Chapman			Will Ruffa			
	Bill Christian			Maryann St. John			
	Rob Costantino			Beth Sausville			
	Valerie dePeyster			Barbara Schlesinger			
	Stacey Eggsware			Jay Sciarappa			
	Helen Fields			Linda Sciarappa			
	Susan Fox			Tim Scoggins			
	Stephen Greene			Amelia Silver			
	Jim Hand			David Silver			
	Michael Harrington			Gay Squire			
	Steve Love			Dan Strohl			
	Dave Mance			Kerry Sullivan			
	Jamie Mance			Greg Van Houten			
	Trevor Mance			Devon Walker			
	Erica Marthage			Chris Williams			
	Donald Miller			Rob Woolmington			
	Judith Fellows-Miller			Tyler Yandow			
BCRC STAFF:	Mark Anders			Jim Henderson			
	Michael Batchner			Allison Langsdale			
	Bill Colvin			Tyler Lawson			