Bennington County Regional Commission

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Minutes

Friday – February 27, 2026
8:30 AM
210 South Street, Suite 6, Bennington, VT and via ZOOM

Attending: Martha Cornwell, Donald Campbell, Sheila Kearns, John LaVecchia, Bill Colvin (staff), Ron Smith (RHR Smith)

The meeting was called to order at 8:32am.

Colvin asked if there were any modifications to the agenda. There were none.

Campbell moved and LaVecchia seconded the approval of the December 19, 2025 Executive Committee meeting minutes. Approved.

FY25 Audit
Rom Smith of auditing firm RHR Smith reviewed the highlights of BCRC's FY25 audit, noting an addition of just over $300,000 to the fund balance for the year. He said that given the peaks and valleys of funding scenarios with organizations such as the BCRC this was not unusual and that the BCRC was in a healthy financial position. Smith and Colvin answered committee member questions about cash on hand targets relative to budget and the status of reconciliation recommendations made by the auditor. Campbell moved and Kearns seconded that the BCRC FY25 audit be accepted. Approved.

FY26 Midyear Budget Adjustment
Colvin shared the financial management report for the first seven months of FY26, discussing any major variances from budget. He then walked the committee through a proposed FY26 Midyear Budget Adjustment noting various budget categories he suggests be changed based upon operations for the first six months of the fiscal year. LaVecchia moved and Kearns seconded that theFY26 Midyear Budget Adjustment be approved. Approved.

Executive Committee Nominations Discussion
Colvin said the terms of the four officer positions on the BCRC Executive Committee expire this year. Per the BCRC Bylaws, an election for Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer positions will be held in conjunction with the BCRC Annual Meeting in May every three years. The current Executive Committee serves as the Nominating Committee. He indicated a slate of officers would need to be developed at the April Executive Committee meeting to send to commissioners in advance of the annual meeting. All committee members on the call expressed a willingness to continue to serve. Campbell and Kearns said

if there were others interested they would step off the Executive Committee. Colvin expressed his gratitude to the committee members for their commitment and willingness to continue to serve on the Executive Committee. He said he would share the names of any other interested parties at the April Executive Committee meeting so a final slate could be created.

Colvin provided program updates on topics, including:
Community and Economic Development
- SVHC USDA TA
- Putnam Phase 2
- Monument Place/Energizer

Planning Programs
- FY25 Municipal Planning Grant (MPG) Program – Manchester, Sunderland, Old Bennington
- FY26 MPG Awards – Arlington, Rupert, Stamford (Dorset, Pownal, Shaftsbury – not awarded)
- Emergency Management – Local Hazard Mitigation Plans; FEMA TA; EMPG
- Brownfield Program

There was no other business.

The meeting adjourned at 9:34am.

Respectfully submitted,

William Colvin
Director