Bennington County Regional Commission

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Minutes

Friday – December 19, 2025
8:30 AM
210 South Street, Suite 6, Bennington, VT and via ZOOM

Attending: Martha Cornwell, Donald Campbell, Sheila Kearns, Dimitri Garder, John LaVecchia, James Salerno, Bill Colvin (staff)

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

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

Kearns moved and Cornwell seconded the approval of the October 22, 2025 Executive Committee meeting minutes. Approved with Campbell abstaining.

Financial Update

Colvin shared the BCRC financial management report for the period July 1, 2025-November 30, 2025. He identified and discussed line items that varied from budget expectations. He noted that the Executive Committee will review and be asked to approve a midyear budget adjustment at its February meeting.

Regional Plan Update

Colvin shared a spreadsheet with the milestones for submission and approval of the 2026 *Bennington Regional Plan*. He reminded the committee that an Act-181 compliant regional plan with future land use maps must be adopted by December 31, 2026. He then discussed outreach efforts and shared the work developed by William College students as part of an internship they completed with the BCRC.

Colvin provided program updates on topics, including:

Community and Economic Development
- SVHC USDA TA
- Putnam Phase 2
- Monument Place/Energizer
- Clarendon House

Planning Programs
- Bennington Municipal Plan
- 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

Other Business

Salerno suggested a meeting of the Investment/Finance Committee early in the New Year to review policies considering federal funding challenges. Colvin will arrange this meeting. LaVecchia inquired about the workload of BCRC staff and if Colvin felt the team was managing the load successfully and without too much stress. Colvin noted times in the recent past where he was concerned about the workload of certain team members but that he felt things had balanced out well.

There was no other business.

The meeting adjourned at 9:22am.

Respectfully submitted,

William Colvin
Director