# Bennington County Regional Commission

## Minutes

**Thursday, September 18, 2025**

**6:00 PM**

**Bennington Fire Facility, Bennington, VT**
**and via Zoom**

**Commissioners Present**: John LaVecchia, Martha Cornwell, Sheila Kearns, Joan Nash, Lisa Gramlin, Walter Klinger, Michael Fernandez, Donald Campbell, Rick Timmerman, Dana Rozycki

**Public Present:** Rich Zoppel, Alden Finney, Mary Ann Holmes, Garret Siegel, Jack Blandford, Dan Reap, Bob Goric, Arianna Collins

**Presenters**: Angie Allen, Alison Spasyk, Shayne Jaquith

**BCRC Staff**: Bill Colvin, Callie Fishburn, Scott Grimm-Lyon, Jim Henderson, Nick Zaiac

The meeting was called to order at 6:02pm.

1. **Approval of Minutes of July 17, 2025, meeting**
   Motion by Donald Campbell, second by Sheila Kearns. Approved.

2. **Basin 1 (Batten Kill, Hoosic, Walloomsac Rivers) Tactical Basin Plan Kick-off Meeting**
   Vermont DEC Watershed Planner Angie Allen reviewed an online story map detailing the process of updating the Basin 1 Tactical Bain plan. This process happens every five years and the next plan is due in 2026. Ms. Allen then responded to some questions regarding the process, timing and how to provide input. Additional information and the link to the story map is on the BCRC website.

3. **Flood Safety Act Outreach**
   Alison Spasyk of Lake Champlain Sea Grant and Shayne Jaquith of The Nature Conservancy presented an overview of the recently passed Flood Safety Act (Act 121). They reviewed the rationale for the act, described its elements and provided a timeline for enactment of the various measures included in the act. Following the presentation, they addressed questions and provided contact information for follow up. Additional information and the link to the presentation is on the BCRC website.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 7:37pm.

Respectfully submitted,

William Colvin
Director