Bennington County Regional Commission

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Minutes

Friday – June 26, 2026
8:30 AM
210 South Street, Suite 6, Bennington, VT and via ZOOM

Attending: Martha Cornwell, Sheila Kearns, John LaVecchia, Dimitri Garder, 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 LaVecchia seconded the approval of the April 24, 2026 Executive Committee meeting minutes. Approved.

FY27 Budget and Work Plan
Colvin reviewed the FY27 BCRC Work Program and responded to questions regarding workload management among staff members and how the program compares to those of other RPCS.

Colvin then walked through the proposed FY27 budget answering questions on specific line items, staff salary increases and areas of concern.

Garder moved and Salerno seconded approval of the FY27 BCRC Work Program and FY27 BCRC Budget subject to any adjustment to the Director's compensation. Approved.

Program Updates
Colvin provided program updates on topics, including:
Community and Economic Development
- SVHC USDA TA
- Putnam Phase 2
- SVC-AWRE
- Bank of Bennington LIAC

Planning Programs
- Regional 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

There was no other business.

Executive Session-Personnel
Garder moved and Kearns seconded that the Executive Committee enter Executive Session to discuss personnel. Approved.

The Executive Committee emerged from Executive Session at 10:00am. Garder moved and Kearns seconded that the Director's salary be increased by 8% for FY27. Approved.

The meeting adjourned at 10:04am.

Respectfully submitted,

William Colvin
Director