

No Conflict of Interest Disclosure

May 29, 2026

Before we begin today's review of the draft Bennington County Regional Plan, I would like to make the following disclosure on the record.

From 2012 to 2022 I served as a commissioner representing first Manchester Village and then the Town of Manchester on the Bennington County Regional Commission (BCRC). From 2018 to 2022 I served as chair of the commission. In 2022, I resigned from the commission to take a position as Assistant Director and Planning Program Manager for the BCRC. My work as BCRC commissioner and then as BCRC staff included drafting language that was used in prior BCRC regional plans.

My affiliation with the BCRC ended upon my appointment to the Land Use Review Board in January 2025.

I do not have any ongoing personal, professional, or financial interest in the BCRC and had no part in the drafting of the regional plan that is now being reviewed by the Land Use Review Board. I have never acted as counsel to the BCRC and retain no direct or indirect interest in the outcome of this matter where I will be acting in a quasi-judicial capacity.

I have consulted with the Land Use Review Board General Counsel as to my ethical obligations in this matter and have determined that my prior service or employment does not raise a conflict of interest which would require my recusal under the Vermont Code of Ethics or the board's specific ethical standards at 10 VSA § 6031.

I believe I have good cause to proceed based on the speculative nature of any conflict or appearance of conflict.

In an abundance of caution, I am making this disclosure on the record in sufficient detail so that the matter may be understood by the public.

Respectfully Submitted,



Janet M. Hurley, Chair
Land Use Review Board

