

TOWN OF BENNINGTON, VERMONT

ARTICLE 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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A. The Town of Bennington hereby establishes a Historic Preservation Commission of not less than three (3) nor more than nine (9) members to be appointed by the Select Board.

ARTICLE 1-2. TERMS

A. Each member of the Commission shall serve for three years or thereafter until their successor is named. The first Commission appointed shall have one-third (1/3) of its members appointed to three (3) year terms, one-third (1/3) to two (2) year terms, and one-third (1/3) to one (1) year terms so that no more than one-third (1/3) of the Commission shall be reappointed in any one year.

ARTICLE 1-3. QUALIFICATIONS

- A. All members shall have a demonstrated interest, competence, or knowledge in Historic Preservation.
- B. A majority of its members must reside in the Town of Bennington.
- C. To the extent available, at least a majority of the members shall be professionals from the disciplines of history, archeology, architectural history, architecture and historical architecture. Members representing other historic preservation related disciplines such as urban planning, American studies, American civilization, cultural geography or cultural anthology, and lay members are encouraged.
- D. One member of the Commission shall be the Bennington Community Development Director.

ARTICLE 1-4. DUTIES

- A. Take steps appropriate to stimulate public participation in Commission activities.
- B. Create and maintain a system for the survey and inventory of historic

properties within its jurisdiction that is coordinated with the Vermont Historic Sites and Structures Survey and the Vermont Archeological Inventory.

C. Prepare and submit for approval by the Select Board grant applications to the Division for Historic Preservation for funds from the Certified Local Government share of the State's annual Historic Preservation Fund grant award.

D. Advise and assist the Select Board, Planning Commission, and other appropriate persons on matters relating to Historic Preservation.

E. Cooperate with the Division for Historic Preservation with respect to the Division's monitoring and evaluation of the Certified Local Government Program.

F. Meet at least four (4) times per year.

G. Use the Community Development Office as its depository of documents and other records used in carrying out its duties.

H. Adopt written rules of procedure, including conflict of interest provisions as set out in the National Register Guideline, Chapter 3.

THIS ORDINANCE IS HEREBY ADOPTED by the Select Board of the Town of Bennington this 5th day of May, 1987 and shall, unless a petition is filed as provided by law, become effective upon the expiration of 60 days after this date.