

34 The following wording was the result of much Committee discussion:

35 **“§506. Bennington Downtown Improvement District**

36 **(a) Definition: there is in the Town of Bennington, a district, the Bennington Downtown**
37 **Improvement District (District), set forth on a map approved by the voters of Bennington and filed with the**
38 **Town Clerk. The area of the District may be changed upon a majority vote of the Select Board at a minimum**
39 **of one special meeting duly warned.”**

40 *These changes have been tabled until all of SUBCHAPTER 5. TAXATION has been reviewed.*

42 *“§507. Repealed, 2005, No. M-6, §6. Eff. June 4, 2005.”*

43 *This will remain as is until all of SUBCHAPTER 5. TAXATION has been reviewed.*

45 *“§508. Purposes and powers*

46 *(a) The District is created for the general purpose of maintaining and improving the economic, social,*
47 *cultural, and environmental vitality and quality of the Town of Bennington (in particular, the District created by*
48 *this section 507 of this charter); to promote the Town and the District as a regional retail, commercial, and*
49 *service center; and to serve as an advocate for the orderly development of the District in order to encourage*
50 *expansion of the retail, commercial, and service base of the District and the Town by attracting new business*
51 *and investment.”*

52 Discussion:

- 53 • This should also be for supporting current businesses, as well as, attracting new business.
- 54 • Existing businesses should not be going through foreclosure so a new business can come in and reap
55 the benefits of tax breaks, etc. Perhaps the existing business could have benefited from that also.
- 56 • Investment means private investment and not the Town’s investment.
- 57 • What is good for the Town and the District may not be good for existing businesses, i.e., the Putnam
58 Block and Martin’s MiniMart.
- 59 • In 2005, the issues of the Downtown were not as severe as they are today. Amazon was not around
60 and the big box stores were just coming into town.

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65 **District as a regional retail, commercial, and service center; and to advocate for the orderly development of**
66 **the District to encourage expansion of the retail, commercial, and service base of the District and the Town**
67 **by supporting a vibrant business environment and new business and encouraging investment.”**

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70 **5. OTHER**

71 None.

72 **NOVEMBER MEETING DATES:**

73 Wednesday, November 15, 2017 - 11:45am

74 Wednesday, November 22, 2017 - No Meeting

75 Tuesday, November 28, 2017 - 5:30pm-7:00pm Public Forum

76 Wednesday, November 29, 2017 - 4:30pm-7:00pm

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80 *At 1:00 pm, Michael Keane moved and P. Lynn Green seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion*
81 *carried unanimously.*

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85 Respectfully submitted,

86 Nancy H. Lively

87 Secretary

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