

2024 Legislative Report: Reps. Kathleen James and Seth Bongartz

The 2024 legislative session began Wednesday, January 3. It's the second session of the two-year 2023–2024 biennium, with adjournment expected sometime in May.

During the session, representatives are in Montpelier every Tuesday through Friday and home every Saturday through Monday, with a one-week break over Town Meeting week in March.

The Vermont legislature meets in person at the State House. All floor sessions and committee meetings are livestreamed and archived for public viewing on the Vermont General Assembly website:
<https://legislature.vermont.gov/>

Reps. Kathleen James and Seth Bongartz, who together represent the two-seat Bennington-4 district, are holding regular coffee hours during the 2024 session. Residents of this district (Arlington, Manchester, Sandgate and northwest Sunderland) are welcome to join these informal meetings. It's a great way to ask questions, raise concerns and stay informed about legislation. All meetings are held on Saturdays from 9 to 10:30 am.

James serves as ranking member of the House General and Housing Committee and as an assistant majority leader of the House Democratic Caucus. Bongartz serves as ranking member of the House Environment and Energy Committee and on the Legislature Committee on Administrative Rules.

Constituent Coffee Hours: 2024

January 13: Charlie's Coffee House
39 Bonnet Street, Manchester Center

February 10: Wayside Country Store
3307 Vermont Route 313, West Arlington

March 2: Bonnie and Clyde's
13 Old Mill Road, East Arlington

March 2—5: See you at your annual town and school meetings!

March 23: Charlie's Coffee House
39 Bonnet Street, Manchester Center

April 20: Wayside Country Store
3307 Vermont Route 313, West Arlington

May 11: Bonnie and Clyde's
13 Old Mill Road, East Arlington

June 8: Charlie's Coffee House
39 Bonnet Street, Manchester Center

Beyond these scheduled constituent meetings, it's easy to connect with your state legislators. We work hard to represent all residents with transparency, integrity and accountability. Please stay in touch and reach out anytime with questions or concerns. We respond to constituent correspondence as promptly as possible.

Note: To meet printing and mailing deadlines, this report was submitted to town clerks in early January. We provide frequent progress reports on social media and via our e-newsletter, delivered to your inbox throughout the session. Please join our mailing list by signing up at Kath's website. We also publish a mid-session report that we distribute at Town Meeting and post online, plus an end-of-session report that we post online and distribute to town halls.

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