

**Town of Bennington  
Planning Commission**

**Monday, April 2, 2012**

**5:15 p.m.**

**Town of Bennington Conference Room  
205 South Street  
Bennington, Vermont 05201**

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Charles Copp, Barry Horst, Donald Campbell, Mike McDonough  
**Also Present** Dan Monks - Planning Director, Bill Colvin - BCIC, Jim Sullivan - BCIC

**Meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m.**

**Economic Development Plan Proposal:** Bill Colvin presented BCIC's proposal to create the Economic Development Plan for Bennington. The proposal involves Mullin Associates as an outside consultant. The Planning Commission approved the proposal and asked the Planning Director to confirm the Select Board's approval and request that the Select Board appoint at least two Select Board members to a Steering Committee for the project.

**Bennington Energy Plan:** Jim Sullivan presented the Bennington Energy Plan drafted by BCIC. The Planning Commission noted a few changes it would like made to the plan. Jim Sullivan will make the changes and submit the revised plan to the Planning Commission for approval. After the plan is approved by the Planning Commission, Jim Sullivan and the Planning Director will present the plan to the Select Board for review and approval.

**Benmar Parcel Re-zoning:** The Planning Commission reviewed changes to the Town Plan and Land Use and Development Regulations that were proposed to implement the directive from the Select Board to allow commercial and industrial uses on the Benmar Parcel. The changes included placing the Benmar Parcel in the Planned Commercial District and allowing manufacturing and research and development uses in the Planned Commercial District. At the previous meeting, the Planning Commission expressed concern regarding the impact on the viewshed of three story commercial buildings on the Benmar parcel. Planning Director proposed additional language to address the concerns. The Planning Commission approved the language. The Planning Commission asked the Planning Director to invite the Select Board to the next Planning Commission meeting to review the proposed changes to the PC District to ensure that it fulfills the Select Board's directive to the Planning Commission.

**The meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted

Daniel W. Monks  
Planning Director