

**Town of Bennington
Planning Commission**

Wednesday, April 6, 2011

5:00 p.m.

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

MINUTES

Members Present: Barry Horst, Nicolas Lasoff, Donald Campbell, Mike McDonough
Also Present Dan Monks - Planning Director, Jim Sullivan - BCRC

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Bennington Energy Plan - Kick-Off Meeting with Consultant: The Planning Commission reviewed and preliminarily approved a draft of the proposed outline for the Energy Plan prepared by Jim Sullivan, BCRC. The Planning Commission asked the consultant to meet with the Town and Regional Energy Committees and Town Staff to discuss the Energy Plan. The consultant will prepare an initial draft of the Energy Plan for the Planning Commission to review in the future.

Work Plan: The Planning Commission discussed at length the development of a work plan for the upcoming year and beyond. The Planning Commission will begin to develop a work plan at its upcoming meetings. In the meantime, the Planning Commission asked the Planning Director to develop a draft implementation matrix of the Town Plan for the Planning Commission to review.

Other Business:

VELCO Substation Re-location: The Planning Commission discussed the proposed re-location of the VELCO and CVPS substation currently located on Route 9 East. The proposed new site is a former gravel pit east of the Northern leg of Route 279. The site has the potential of being very visible from many points in Bennington. The Planning Commission will meet with VELCO on April 20, 2011 to discuss the proposed re-location of the substation.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Daniel W. Monks
Planning Director