

**Town of Bennington
Planning Commission**

Monday, May 4, 2015

6:00 p.m.

**Town of Bennington Fire Facility
126 River Street
Bennington, Vermont 05201**

MINUTES

Members Present: Charles Copp, Barry Horst, Michael McDonough

Also Present: Dan Monks, Dana Rozycki, Jim Trimarchi, Nick Lasoff

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Public Hearing - Town Plan Update: The Planning Commission Chair commenced the public hearing and explained the purpose of the Town Plan and the adoption process. The Planning Director noted the significant changes to the Town Plan and explained that hearing draft was an update and not a comprehensive re-write of the plan. Members of the public made several comments including: support for the removal of advocacy for the southern leg of Route 279; and support for the advocacy in the plan of community “walkability” and a comprehensive trail network. Support for a downtown food “hub” was also expressed and a request was made to ensure that key goals are clearly articulated.

The Planning Commission discussed the next steps in the adoption process and explained that changes would be considered based on public comments and then the draft Town Plan would be submitted to the Select Board for review. The Select Board will hold at least two public hearings regarding the Town Plan after it is submitted by the Planning Commission.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Daniel W. Monks
Planning Director