

**Town of Bennington
Planning Commission**

Monday, July 1, 2013

5:15 p.m.

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

MINUTES

Members Present: Charles Copp, Barry Horst, Mike McDonough, Donald Campbell, Ken Sweirad
Also Present Dan Monks - Planning Director

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

Proposed New Telecommunications Tower on Mount Anthony: The Planning Director described an application to the Public Service Board for a proposed new cell tower on top of Mount Anthony. He stated that it would not comply with the Town's policy and regulatory documents, but that the application was being made to the Public Service Board, so the DRB would not be reviewing the application. However, the Town has the right to request that the PSB have a hearing regarding the matter. The Planning Commission asked the Planning Director to draft a memorandum to the Select Board indicating that the Planning Commission favored requesting a hearing before the PSB, but would look to the Select Board as to whether or not to request a hearing.

Morgan Street Wetlands Project: the Planning Director described the efforts of the Friends of the Morgan Street Wetlands to conserve a 140 acre parcel along Morgan Street currently owned by the Greenberg family. The Planning Commission expressed support for the project.

FY 14 Municipal Planning Grant – Discussion of Possible Projects: The Planning Commission discussed a few projects that might be eligible for a MPG. They agreed that the Town should apply for a planning grant to design bike/ped improvements to the Benmont Avenue corridor.

Election of Officers: Charles Copp nominated Barry Horst to serve as Chairperson of the Planning Commission. Mike McDonough seconded the nomination. The motion passed unanimously. Barry Horst then appointed Charles Copp as Secretary.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Daniel W. Monks
Planning Director