

**Town of Bennington
Planning Commission**

**Wednesday, July 6, 2011
5:00 p.m.**

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

MINUTES

Members Present: Charles Copp, Barry Horst, Michael McDonough
Also Present Dan Monks - Planning Director, Neal Goswami - Bennington Banner

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

Discussion - Re-location of VELCO Substation: The Planning Commission discussed the proposed re-location of the VELCO substation at length. The planning Commission asked the Planning Director to communicate to VELCO the Planning Commission's concerns regarding the extent of the conserved area and lighting. The Planning Commission hopes to complete its review of the project at its July 20, 2011 meeting.

Municipal Planning Grant Application: The Planning Commission discussed several projects that would be eligible for a Municipal Planning Grant. At the next meeting the Commission will make a final decision regarding what project the Commission will seek funding for.

Floodplain Regulations: The Planning Director explained that FEMA is requiring some amendments to the Town's Floodplain Regulations in order for the Town's citizens to continue to be eligible for Federal flood insurance. The Planning Commission will begin the adoption process for the required amendments soon.

Discussion - Process for Re-evaluating Benmar LLC Parcel Zoning: The Planning Commission discussed at length possible approaches to the Select Board's request to re-evaluate the zoning on the Benmar parcel. The Planning Commission determined that it would first gather as much information regarding the parcel as possible and prepare a report for the Select Board. The Planning Commission will then request a meeting with the Select Board to discuss the Select Board's objectives and vision for the property.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Daniel W. Monks
Planning Director