

**Town of Bennington  
Planning Commission**

**Wednesday, September 19, 2012**

**4:00 p.m.**

**Town of Bennington Conference Room**

**205 South Street**

**Bennington, Vermont 05201**

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Charles Copp, Barry Horst, Ken Swierad, Mike McDonough, Donald Campbell  
**Also Present** Dr. John Mullin - consultant, Zenia Kotval – consultant, Dan Monks - Planning Director,  
Bill Colvin - BCRC, Mike Harrington Economic Development Director, Jim Sullivan –  
BCRC, Lindy Lynch – Chamber, Joann Erenhouse – Chamber, Peter Odierna – BCIC,  
Jim Trimarchi – Hospital, John Shannahan – BBC.

**Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.**

**Economic Development Plan:** Dr. John Mullin discussed his impressions of Bennington’s economic status and presented preliminary thoughts regarding the development of an Economic Development Strategy for Bennington. He also answered questions posed by the Steering Committee. Mullin Associates and BCRC will prepare a draft economic development strategy over the next few weeks.

**Municipal Planning Grant – Housing Study:** Mike Harrington presented a proposal to apply for a Municipal Planning Grant to do a housing study. The Planning Commission agreed by consensus to support the proposal

**The meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted

Daniel W. Monks  
Planning Director