

**Town of Bennington
Planning Commission**

Monday, December 15, 2014

5:15 p.m.

Town of Bennington Conference Room

205 South Street

Bennington, Vermont 05201

MINUTES

Members Present: Charles Copp, Michael McDonough, Donald Campbell

Also Present: Derek Carson, Dan Monks

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

Town Plan Update: The Planning Director suggested the following process and timeline for the update of the Bennington Town Plan. The BCRC will update data, charts, etc. in the current Town Plan by the end of January. The Planning Commission will review the draft revised plan prepared by BCRC between January of 2015 and March of 2015. The Planning Commission will hold two/three public hearings in April/May of 2015 and the Planning Director will widely distribute the draft revised plan for review and comment. The Planning Commission will finalize the revised Town Plan draft by the end of June 2015 and submit the revised plan to the Select Board. Planning Commission/Select Board work sessions and Select Board public hearings will take place in July/August 2015. Town Plan adoption deadline is October 10, 2015.

The Planning Commission, by consensus, approved the proposed process and timeline. The Planning Commission suggested that the group working on a cultural town plan be requested to submit suggested updates to the Town Plan. The Planning Commission also suggested that the issue of the impact of wind and solar generation facilities and other infrastructure under the jurisdiction of the Public Service Board be specifically addressed in the Town Plan.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Daniel W. Monks
Planning Director