

**Town of Bennington
Planning Commission**

Monday, January 4, 2016

5:00 p.m.

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

MINUTES

Members Present: Charles Copp, Barry Horst, Nick Lasoff, Mike McDonough, Ken Swierad

Also Present: Dan Monks, Allison Strohl, Michael Batcher, Don Miller

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

Hazard Mitigation Plan – Kick-off Meeting with BCRC: Allison Strohl and Michael Batcher, BCRC, discussed the process for creating a FEMA approved Hazard Mitigation Plan. They explained that BCRC would gather the background data and develop the plan with the assistance of a Planning Team. Allison also distributed a proposed schedule for the development of the plan. The Planning Commission discussed who should be on the Planning Team and they agreed that, at least, the Highway Superintendent, Police Chief and Planning Director should be on the Team. Members of the Planning Commission will also participate as needed. Old Bennington is also developing a Hazard Mitigation Plan. Don Miller, Old Bennington Trustee, and the Planning Commission agreed to work together to develop the plans as there will be much overlap in data, etc. Allison will coordinate with the Planning Director throughout the process. Michael McDonough moved to approve the development of a Hazard Mitigation Plan. Ken Swierad seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2016 Work Plan Discussion: The Planning Commission discussed what actions should be on the 2016 Work Plan. Based on the discussion, the Planning Director will develop a draft 2016 Work Plan for review at the next Planning Commission meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Daniel W. Monks
Planning Director