

**Town of Bennington
Planning Commission**

Monday, February 6, 2017

5:00 p.m.

Town of Bennington Conference Room

205 South Street

Bennington, Vermont 05201

MINUTES

Members Present: Michael McDonough, Robert Ebert, Ken Swierad

Also Present: Dan Monks, Brad Wilson, Ben Oxender

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

Review of Otter Creek Solar Project: Brad Wilson presented the plan to construct a solar electricity generation facility on land east of the Carbone auto dealerships. The Planning Commission discussed several issues with Brad, including screening from North Bennington Road and adjacent properties, setbacks from property lines, and limits of clearing. The consensus of the Planning Commission was that the project, in general, appears to be in compliance with Town policies, but compliance with the Town's Screening Ordinance could not be determined based on the information available to date with regard to visibility from North Bennington Road. Brad Wilson agreed to investigate the visibility of the project from North Bennington Road and to consider measures to mitigate visibility, if necessary.

Brad Wilson intends to appear before the Select Board in the near future to present the project.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Daniel W. Monks
Planning Director