

**Town of Bennington
Planning Commission**

Wednesday, March 1, 2017

5:00 p.m.

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

MINUTES

Members Present: Michael McDonough, Ken Swierad, Charles Copp

Also Present: Dan Monks, Jim Sullivan, Bill Colvin

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

Discussion with BCIC and BCRC: Jim Sullivan reviewed the organizational chart for BCRC and described the numerous program areas BCRC staff work on. He indicated the BCRC would be celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. Originally, the focus of BCRC was on local land use planning and regulations. The program areas have expanded over the year to include: transportation planning, environmental planning, community and economic development. Emergency management planning, energy planning and solid waste planning. A recent focus has been on implementation of projects. BCRC continues to strive to be responsive to local municipalities' needs.

Bill Colvin discussed the organizational structure of BCIC, its relationship with BCRC, BCIC's funding, and BCIC's annual workplan. BCIC is a stockholder organization. Recently, it contracted with BCRC to provide staffing for BCIC. Bill discussed his vision for the future of BCIC, including a more robust presence and service to the entire county.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Daniel W. Monks
Planning Director