

**Town of Bennington  
Planning Commission**

**Thursday, March 9, 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, Nick Lasoff, Robert Ebert  
**Also Present:** Tom Dee, Jim Trimarchi, Willy Hall, Dan Monks

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

**Discussion with Southwestern Vermont Medical Center:** Tom Dee led a broad ranging discussion. Among the topics discussed were: SVMC's partnership with Dartmouth/Hitchcock, future improvements to the facilities, growing importance of ambulatory care facilities, the development of primary care facilities, moves toward virtual healthcare/telemedicine, the importance of digital infrastructure (universal broadband access) in SVMC's service area), impact of demographics on healthcare, the need to work together to improve the prosperity of the community, the importance of a high quality public education system, transportation difficulties.

**Other Business:** Michael McDonough described an application for funding to the Vermont Downtown program for the 336 Main Park. Ken Swierad made a motion to support the application. Charles Copp seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**The meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted

Daniel W. Monks  
Planning Director