

**Town of Bennington  
Planning Commission**

**Monday, April 3, 2017**

**5:00 p.m.**

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

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Michael McDonough, Charles Copp, Nick Lasoff, Robert Ebert

**Also Present:** Andy Anderson, Jason Morrissey

**Meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.**

Meeting called to order 5:05pm. Present: Robert Ebert, Nick Lasoff, Charles Copp; Guests: Andy Anderson, Jason Morrissey

**Main Street – 100 Block - Zoning Map Amendment Request**

Jason Morrissey, representing Andy Anderson, presented a request for a zoning amendment on West Main Street, extending the current OA zone west along the south side of West Main Street to the Old Bennington Line, including four parcels - the former Precious Moments site, the Bennington Museum Parking lot, a motel and a vacant lot.

Anderson wishes to purchase the former Precious Moments site in order to relocate his Syracuse business office to the second floor of the existing building. There are no plans currently for the first floor. 3-5 employees would be relocated/hired. Exterior modifications are planned. It was cited that the Bennington Museum and the motel have expressed support.

The Commission expressed support for the proposal, noting that the extension should be continuous, including the current vacant lot on the southwest corner of Main and Soule Streets. It was also agreed that there should be no extension of the OA zone on the north side of West Main Street. It was unclear whether the Museum parking lot should be included.

McDonough noted that required changes to the Town Plan and the Zoning By-law would proceed concurrently. The members present expressed unanimous support for moving forward with the process.

In other business, Robert requested that the Commission address the provision of appropriate amenities at the Bennington Station parking lot, having been selected by the Commission as its preferred Amtrak bus Bennington stop, including lighting, a bus shelter and addressing the matter of activity in the adjacent Rotary Park.

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM.**

Respectfully submitted

Daniel W. Monks  
Planning Director