

**Town of Bennington  
Planning Commission**

**Monday, May 15, 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:** Matt Harrington, Jonah Spivak, Dan Monks

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

**Discussion with Bennington Area Chamber of Commerce:** Matt Harrington, Chamber Executive Director, and Jonah Spivak, Chamber President, led a broad ranging discussion. Among the topics discussed were: The Chamber's efforts to regionalize; the Chamber's Mission and Vision; the Visitors Guide, Diversity of Chamber membership; Benefits of Chamber membership; Chamber funding; Chamber efforts to promote tourism; Chamber professional development training efforts; Regional goals supported by the Chamber; Infrastructure issues, especially telecommunication infrastructure; Chamber efforts to attract millennials; Transportation issues; Local option tax; etc.

**The meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted

Daniel W. Monks  
Planning Director