

**Town of Bennington
Planning Commission**

Monday, August 21, 2017

5:00 p.m.

**Bennington Fire Facility
130 River Street
Bennington, Vermont 05201**

MINUTES

Members Present: Michael McDonough, Ken Swierad, Charles Copp, Robert Ebert, Nick Lasoff
Also Present: Dan Monks, Donald Campbell, Jim Sullivan, Peter Lawrence, Wendy Lawrence, Mary Morrissey, Rick Carroll,

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

Proposed Revised Town Plan Energy Section: Jim Sullivan provided a detailed summary of the proposed revised Town Plan Energy Section amendment. BCRC prepared the amendment in accordance with the criteria in Act 174. If the amendment is adopted by the Select Board and BCRC finds that it complies with Act 174, the Town Plan will enjoy substantial deference from the Public Utilities Commission with regard to Section 248 proceedings.

The revised energy section provides a comprehensive review of current energy use, provides strategies for complying with the State's renewable energy goals, and sets forth siting requirements for renewable energy generation facilities.

The Planning Commission, by consensus, agreed to begin the hearing process for adoption of the energy section amendment. A hearing date of October 2, 2017 was tentatively set subject to meeting statutory notice requirements.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Daniel W. Monks
Planning Director