

**Town of Bennington
Planning Commission**

**Monday, September 18, 2017
5:00 p.m.
Bennington Fire Facility
205 South Street
Bennington, Vermont 05201**

MINUTES

Members Present: Michael McDonough, Ken Swierad, Charles Copp, Robert Ebert
Also Present: Dan Monks, Michelle Marrocco

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

Public Hearing – Hazard Mitigation Plan: The Planning Commission opened the public hearing. The Planning Director summarized the plan and explained that this public hearing was scheduled to gather public comments about the proposed plan. Charles Copp suggested that the new water tank on the Southern Vermont Campus should be included in the list of water tanks/towers in town.

No other public comments were offered.

The public hearing was closed.

Bennington County Cultural Plan – Municipal Planning Grant Application: Michelle Marrocco, BCRC, presented a request to the Planning Commission to support a Municipal Planning Grant Application for funds to develop a Bennington County Cultural Plan. The Town of Manchester is also being asked to support the application. The match for the grant would be covered by BCRC staff time. No match funds are being requested from the Town. Michelle reviewed the proposed Scope of Work for the project and answered questions from the Planning Commission members. She explained that the Planning Commissions and Select Boards of both towns must approve the application in order to submit the application to the State.

Ken Swierad moved to support the MPG application to fund a Bennington County Cultural Plan.
Robert Ebert seconded the motion.
The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Project Update: The Planning Director updated the Planning Commission on the status of several ongoing projects, including the Rail/Trail, Ninja Path, Applegate/Willow brook Path, Kocher Drive Bike/Pedestrian Improvements, Benmont Avenue Bike/Pedestrian Improvements, TIF Application, Wastewater Treatment Facility Bond and Waterline extensions.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Daniel W. Monks
Planning Director