

**Town of Bennington
Planning Commission**

**Monday, October 16, 2017
6:00 p.m.
Bennington Fire Facility
130 River Street
Bennington, Vermont 05201**

MINUTES

Members Present: Robert Ebert, Nick Lasoff

Also Present: Dan Monks, Jim Thierien, Catherine Bryers, Bhima Nitta, Bob Block, Laura Block, Bill Knight, Peter Lawrence, Joe Schoenig, Mary Morrissey, Rick Carroll Diana Leazer, Wendy Lawrence, Brad Wilson

As there was not a quorum, no formal meeting was called to order. However, those present discussed the proposed revised Energy Section of the Town Plan. A brief summary of the discussion follows.

The members present and the Planning Director announced that by rule, the meeting will be continued to the next regular meeting date of November 6, 2017.

Proposed Revised Energy Section of the Town Plan: Several residents of the Apple Hill neighborhood expressed support for the revised Energy Plan and urged the Planning commission to approve the plan as written. Bhima Nitta asked that sites on which community solar projects of up to 150 kW are proposed be deemed preferred sites in order to receive State incentives. He offered to submit proposed language to accomplish this request. Brad Wilson asserted that he believes that the plan does not comply with Act 174 and should be modified. He stated that he would identify what he thinks are deficiencies at the public hearing.

The discussion was concluded.

Respectfully submitted

Daniel W. Monks
Planning Director