

**Town of Bennington  
Planning Commission**

**Monday, October 17, 2016**

**5:00 p.m.**

**Town of Bennington Conference Room**

**205 South Street**

**Bennington, Vermont 05201**

**MINUTES**

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

**Also Present:** Dan Monks

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

**Discussion of Planning Commission Priorities:** The Planning Commission discussed, at length, the role of the Planning Commission and what priorities the Commission should set. The Commissioners each agreed to review all Policies and Recommendations in the Town Plan and note what each Commissioner believes should be priorities for the Commission. At the next meeting, the Commission agreed to discuss each Commissioner's review and attempt to develop a consensus for priorities of the Commission as a whole.

It was noted during the discussion that: periodic meetings with the Select Board would help to improve communication and build a community-wide consensus; the creation of a document articulating specific recommended actions with metrics to accomplish the goals of the Town Plan would be helpful; and efforts to inform the community of the Town Plan should be undertaken.

**The meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted

Daniel W. Monks  
Planning Director