

**Town of Bennington
Planning Commission**

Monday, December 7, 2015

5:00 p.m.

Town of Bennington Conference Room

205 South Street

Bennington, Vermont 05201

MINUTES

Members Present: Charles Copp, Barry Horst, Nick Lasoff, Mike McDonough, Ken Swierad

Also Present: Dan Monks, Jason Morrissey, Charles Grant, Robert Grant

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

Review of Proposed Solar Array – Shields Drive: Charles and Robert Grant presented the preliminary plans for a proposed solar array off of Shields Drive in Bennington. The Planning Commission noted that the location of the proposed project is, in general, appropriate for a solar array. The Planning Commission also made the following additional comments. All transformers should be ground mounted. Vegetation along Shields Drive should be retained and maintained as a visual screen of the project, and augmented, if necessary, with native plant species if insufficient vegetation exists for a visual screen or if invasive species must be removed. The array should not emit any glare visible from the Bennington Monument. The Planning Commission asked the Planning Director to forward these comments to the Select Board.

Review of Proposed Changes to Land Use and Development Regulations - UMU District: The Planning Commission reviewed and approved revisions to the UMU District. The Planning Commission asked the Planning Director to take the necessary steps and schedule the required public hearings to begin the amendment process for the Land Use and Development Regulations.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Daniel W. Monks
Planning Director