

**Town of Bennington
Planning Commission**

Monday, March 20, 2017

5:00 p.m.

**Town of Bennington Conference Room
205 South Street
Bennington, Vermont 05201**

MINUTES

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

Also Present: Mark Anders, Jim Sullivan, Catherine Bryars, Ed Damon, Dan Monks

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

Manchester/Bennington/Rensselaer Train Station Rail-Bus – Review of Possible Bus Stops in

Bennington: The Bennington Planning Commission discussed, at length, possible locations in Bennington for the rail-bus bus stop, including the Welcome Center, Bennington Station, Chamber Office and GMCN. The Planning Commission unanimously agreed that the Bennington Station was the best location for the bus stop.

Town Plan Energy Section – Act 174 Update – Kickoff Meeting with BCRC: Jim Sullivan described the standards the revised Energy Plan must meet to comply with Act 174. He distributed the document: Guidance for Municipal Energy Planning Standards prepared by the Vermont Department of Public Service. Jim will develop a draft revised Energy Plan based on the Planning Standards and present it to the Planning Commission for review.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

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Planning Director