

**Town of Bennington
Planning Commission**

**Monday, January 15, 2018
5:00 p.m.**

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

MINUTES

Members Present: Michael McDonough, Ken Swierad, Nick Lasoff, Robert Ebert
Also Present: Dan Monks

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

Town Plan Energy Section Comments: The Planning Commission briefly discussed the comments submitted by Allco regarding the Town Plan Energy section. As the comments are being reviewed by counsel and the Energy Section has already been submitted to the Select Board, no action was taken.

Community Meetings: The Planning Commission discussed their ongoing initiative to meet with local governmental, educational, health care, business, and non-profit institutions and organizations to gain insight into their perspectives, needs, plans, etc. and how the Planning Commission may play a meaningful role in advancing community priorities. It was the consensus of the Commission that the effort was important from an outreach perspective and as a source of information for the Planning Commission and should be continued. The Planning Commission identified several organizations that they would like to meet with in the near future and requested that the Planning Director arrange meetings.

Project Update: Dan Monks and Michael McDonough updated the Planning Commission about ongoing projects being undertaken by the Town or in partnership with community groups.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Daniel W. Monks
Planning Director