

VILLAGE OF MANCHESTER
Manchester, Vermont

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the
Planning Commission
Held on the April 01, 2015

Members Present: Chairman Tom Deck, Co-Chairman Karen Walla, Joe Giolito, Donald Brodie

Members Absent: Al Michaels, Andrea Ross, Jim Lewis

Others Present: Allison Langsdale and James Sullivan, Bennington County Regional Commission (BCRC), Eric Scott, Administrative Officer

Chairman Deck called the meeting to order at 10:20 AM.

Minutes:

The draft minutes of the meeting of October 10, 2014, and October 31, 2014 were not reviewed due to the late start and desire to allow maximum time for the BCRC to address the Commission. The reviews and approvals will be on the agenda for the next scheduled meeting.

Regular Business: Consideration and discussion regarding updating the Village's [Plan of Development](#).

Langsdale and Sullivan explained the Statutory requirements to update the current Plan, benefits of having a Plan and the role the BCRC has in assisting towns and villages developing and updating development plans. Sullivan explained that the State had added two required elements (Economic Development and Flood Hazards), but the existing Plan addresses the issues and meeting these new elements should not be difficult for the Village.

Admin Officer Scott asked questions regarding the formatting of the data and it was agreed to try and use more graphs and less text to convey the data. The BCRC suggested adding photos of the area to increase readership. Chairman Deck suggested the Commission attempt to complete two or three sections per meeting and he and Scott would schedule weekly working sessions.

The Planning Commission and BCRC are hopeful that a final draft will be completed by mid-June, public hearings in July and adoption by August or early September.

Other Business: None

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 A.M.