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ADDISON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, April 26, 2000

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission Executive Board's April 26, 2000 meeting was held at the Regional Planning Commission offices in Middlebury with Harvey Smith presiding.

ROLL CALL:

<i>Bridport</i>	Ed Payne
<i>Bristol</i>	Bill Sayre
<i>New Haven</i>	Harvey Smith
<i>Whiting</i>	Ellen Kurrelmeyer
<i>Ripton</i>	Willem Jewett

STAFF:

Adam Lougee
Tim Bouton

GUEST: Larry Griffin, Civil Air Patrol

BUSINESS MEETING:

Harvey called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM. Adam suggested we start with our guest Larry Griffin of the U.S. Air Force Civil Air Patrol. Larry introduced himself and the mission of the Civil Air Patrol, including education, and emergency services. Larry is putting together a proposal to strengthen the capabilities of the local branch of the Civil Air Patrol by securing a US Air Force surplus Cesna 172 Airplane. Larry is proposing that the Addison County Regional Planning Commission take title to the plane and have it available for emergency services. Willem asked how this would help us fulfill our emergency management function. Larry explained it would benefit emergency management by allowing us to perform emergency medical assistance by transporting people and organs and aiding in emergency search and rescue operations.

Ellen expressed interest in the educational aspects of the program. Tim Bouton also expressed that he felt that the educational aspect of this program for the community was also very interesting. Larry explained that the plane was currently in pieces and would need to be reconstructed. He is certified to oversee the operation. He is pursuing working with local educators to incorporate this project with a technical educational program in the area, giving students the opportunity to work on a real airplane.

Harvey and Willem both stated that they were very interested in the program, but that we had to make sure that this project fitted into the Regional Planning Commission's mission statement and workplan. They asked Adam and Tim to help Larry refine the plan and keep the project moving forward.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Ed Payne moved to approve the minutes of the March 29, 2000 Executive Board meeting. Ellen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Willem distributed the Treasurer's Report and noted the Commission was in good financial shape. He noted the report includes expenses through May 5, 2000.

Ed Payne moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Ellen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ACT 250: The Committee has not received any significant applications in the last month. An expansion of a gravel pit in Bristol is currently pending as a minor application. Bristol is in favor of the proposal. Adam stated that given its nature, he did not believe it had regional significance.

Natural Resources Committee: Bill reported that the Committee's work is almost completed. Final drafts are out. Adam will ask Kevin to wrap up that project by calling a final meeting.

Transportation Advisory Committee: Willem reported that the TAC had an interesting and productive meeting last month. It hosted representatives of the Towns of Panton and Ferrisburgh and the City of Vergennes to discuss transportation issues in the area focusing on the Vergennes Bypass. The conversation was cordial and productive. Dan Baker shall report about the meeting to the full commission at the next meeting and try to get the entire commission involved in the discussion. Additionally, in September the TAC shall hold a design charette for the interested parties to try to work through the transportation issues facing the area. Lastly, as per the legislative directive, Adam stated that he felt a study of transportation alternatives in the greater Vergennes area, including a Byway alternative served a Regional need. Adam stated that the Commission would be working with the Agency of Transportation to incorporate such a study into our FY 2000 budget.

OLD BUSINESS:

Annual Meeting: Adam reported he had selected the site for the Annual Meeting. He reported that the meeting is scheduled for the Rokeby Museum and Roland's Restaurant. Kent Wright is bringing fiddlers. Invitations went out last week. Several people have already replied.

Draft Workplan and Budget: Harvey expressed that this is an important item in that it sets the agenda for the entire year. He asked that we make sure to include it in the Full Commission package again and emphasize it. Changes were made to sections of the draft Workplan dealing with development review boards and the working on the Natural Resources section of the plan.

Nominating Committee Slate: Adam reported that he had placed this item on the agenda because the nomination of Ed Payne for the Chair at the last full commission meeting had not been resolved. Ed stated that although he was flattered by the nomination, he would decline the nomination and inform the full commission of his decision at the Annual Meeting.

Other: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Justin Brande: Adam noted that Justin Brande had recently passed away. The service was earlier today. Justin was one of the original members of the Commission.

Bill moved that Adam draft a resolution for the Full Commission and that the Commission make a \$100 donation to Addison County Home Health in honor of Mr. Brande. Ed seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Presentation of Major Larry Griffin: Please see above.

Other: Bike /Ped Study. Adam noted that we had received responses to the RFP that the TAC had issued last month. Adam gave the Executive board the opportunity to review the proposals and informed the executive board that he would like one of them to serve on a review committee to review the proposals and be authorized to make a decision on the proposal to accept. Harvey asked the make up of the committee. Adam stated that it would consist of Susie Leonard, Ken Valentine, Rick Good (TAC Rep) a member of the E-Board and himself.

Willem Jewett made a motion that the Executive Board nominate Ed Payne to the review committee and authorize the committee to make a decision on the choice of the consultant. Bill Sayre seconded the motion, which passed 4-0-1, with Ed Payne Abstaining.

Adam stated that the Bridges of Addison County a project the commission has been working on for sometime is nearly completed. He showed the Board a draft and noted that Al Kramer had donated a lot of work on the project. Harvey recognized the contribution of Mr. Kramer, instructed that it be acknowledged on the cover of the book and that we also invite Mr. Kramer to the Annual Meeting to be recognized by the Full Commission. Adam stated he would invite Mr. Kramer.

Resolution of Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission: Bill expressed some serious concerns about the Resolution. Willem noted he also had some serious questions as to whether this served any area of the State other than Chittenden County. Ed wholeheartedly agreed. Bill stated that this resolution contained very far-reaching consequences. Bill requested that Adam draft a preliminary letter outlining initial questions and concerns about the resolution. Willem want to know whether the resolution addressed just Chittenden County, or were we supposed to insert Addison County in the places now labeled Chittenden County. Bill questioned whether the resolution had the support of the people of Chittenden County. Ed questioned why they had chosen the gas tax. The Executive Board requested that Adam draft a letter to Chittenden on their behalf asking the questions noted above and send it to the Chittenden County Commission.

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MEMBERS' CONCERNS/INFORMATION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Harvey moved to adjourn the meeting. Ed seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Submitted by: Adam G. Lougee