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ADDISON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, June 27, 2001

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission Executive Board's June 27th, 2001 meeting was held at the regional planning commission's office in Middlebury with Harvey Smith presiding.

ROLL CALL:

<i>Bristol</i>	Bill Sayre
<i>New Haven</i>	Harvey Smith
<i>Waltham</i>	Tom Yager
<i>Whiting</i>	Ellen Kurrelmeyer

Member elect: Don Shall, Cornwall

STAFF:
Adam Lougee

BUSINESS MEETING:

The Executive Board convened its regular meeting at 7:20 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Ellen moved to accept the minutes of the May meeting. Tom seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Adam explained the Treasurer's Report. Cash flow is positive and the commission is in good financial shape. We have receivables equaling 91% of the budget and expenses totaling 81% of that budget without June's figures. **Ellen moved to accept the treasurer's report. Bill seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ACT 250: Adam noted that we had received three Act 250 applications since the last Executive Board meeting. The two significant applications include the Middlebury College Library and Country Home Product's proposed facility in Vergennes. Additionally, one application for a storage building had been filed by Browns for property across from their existing facility on 116 in Bristol. Middlebury College's application has been scheduled for a public hearing at the Middlebury Town offices on July 18, 2001 at 9:30a.m.

Transportation Advisory Committee: Tom noted that the TAC had met and decided upon its consultant's budget and program for next year and handed out an exhibit of the consultant programs to be studied and the cost of each.

Housing Committee: Adam reported that the Housing committee did not have enough people to conduct business last meeting. Brandy has done a considerable amount of preliminary statistical work. Hopefully, we will have better participation in the future. Harvey suggested that the Housing Committee also review H483 on affordable housing. Adam noted that he had been requested to serve on the legislative summer study committee pending the governor's approval.

Local Government Committee: Adam noted that the local Government Committee had not met since its last hearing for Middlebury.

OLD BUSINESS:

VAPDA Minutes: Adam distributed the VAPDA "Vermont Association of Planning and Development Agencies" (Executive Directors of the RPCs) minutes and answered those questions which the Executive Board raised concerning the VAPDA meeting. **Bill Sayre requested a copy of the model Telecommunications Ordinance developed for VAPDA. Bill also expressed concern that VAPDA, as a group would pass resolutions to support legislation without their first asking the regional planning commission whom they represent. Harvey suggested that Adam look up the purpose of VAPDA in its bylaws and report back to Executive Board.**

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy: Adam reported that the Executive Boards of each organization would meet to set up the Steering Committee on Monday July 9th at 8:00am at the Chamber's 3rd floor conference room. Harvey reported that at the last meeting the RPC had offered Thea Gaudette, Fred Dunnington and Harvey Smith as delegates. Harvey noted that this delegation represented a good cross mix of interests in the county. Others will be selected at the next meeting. Bill noted that filling the slots to get a good representation of the county, including representatives of both growth centers and small communities should be our goal.

Joint Partners Workplan: Adam noted that the Joint Partners Workplan and DCA's response was sent in the meeting packet. Adam noted that we had received a favorable review from DCA and that the partners had agreed to the changes the Executive Board and Full Commission requested at their last meeting. Bill moved to accept the modified proposal and budget. Tom seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Other: None.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Watershed/Stormwater/Onsite issues:

Watersheds: Adam put the item on the agenda as a review after sending the letter from last meeting. Harvey noted that things were moving at the Steering Committee acknowledging letters sent by ACRPC, the House Agriculture Committee and others.

Adam also announced that the State had released a Phosphorus TMDL for Lake Champlain. We are hosting one of the public meetings **SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 at the Kirk Alumni Center at 7:00 pm.**

Finally Adam noted that ANR had developed a white paper on growth centers for Sewer Funding. DCA has adopted the definition of Growth Centers in its strategic plan. Bill suggested that we include this as a topic for the September regional planning commission meeting. The rest of the Commission concurred.

Director's Contract: Adjourned to next meeting.

TAC Workplan and budget: See attached description of activities. **Bill moved to accept and approve the budget and work proposed. Ellen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

2001 Business Conference: Adam noted that we had received a request to sponsor the 2001 Business Conference. The Executive Board noted that we want to support the Joint Partners, but did not want to open ourselves to making financial contributions, but authorized Adam to offer any in-kind help we could in organizing or promoting the event.

Membership/Subscriptions/Library: Adam reviewed the memberships, dues and subscriptions to which the planning commission subscribes. Harvey suggested that we should be careful to limit our involvement to regional organizations or planning organizations. Harvey noted that a lot of good organizations exist within the county and we cannot subscribe to all of them. He also supported the reference material at the office.

Personnel Policy: Adam noted that Pauline's health benefits were being required to change since she is 65 and Medicare eligible. Apparently, under VLCT's contract with Blue Cross they can drop coverage for people over 65 and Medicare eligible. Pauline is concerned that her benefits will be reduced. VLCT does provide a supplemental policy that, with Medicare, provides comparable benefits to that which Pauline now receives. **Bill moved that the Commission reimburse Pauline for her Medicare coverage and the carve-out supplemental policy to provide the same benefits as she received before she became Medicare eligible. Tom seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

Other: Tom mentioned that the Bike/Ped Study was not finished and that it really did not fulfill the planning needs of the towns.

MEMBERS' CONCERNS/INFORMATION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, **Tom moved to adjourn the meeting. Ellen seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

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Submitted by: Adam G. Lougee