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ADDISON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, April 24th, 2002

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission Executive Board's April 24th, 2002 meeting was held at the regional planning commission's office in Middlebury with Thea Gaudette presiding.

ROLL CALL:

<i>Bristol</i>	Bill Sayre
<i>Cornwall</i>	Don Shall
<i>Middlebury</i>	Karl Neuse
<i>Monkton</i>	Thea Gaudette
<i>New Haven</i>	Harvey Smith, Chair
<i>Waltham</i>	Tom Yager
<i>Whiting</i>	Ellen Kurrelmeyer

STAFF:
Adam Lougee

BUSINESS MEETING:

The Executive Board convened its regular meeting at 7:18 p.m. with Thea Gaudette presiding.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Don moved to accept the minutes of the March meeting. Ellen seconded the motion, which passed with none opposed. Harvey Smith arrived.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The treasurer's report was reviewed. Adam noted that the Commission remained in good financial shape. **Ellen moved to accept the treasurer's report. Don seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ACT 250: No activity.

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Transportation Advisory Committee: Tom reported that Jim Moulton, the Director of Addison County Transit Resources, requested that the TAC support the funding for the ACTR shuttle bus. Tom also reported that the TAC had selected Lamoureux and Dickinson to fund the planning study. The Executive Board needs to approve the consultant. Bill expressed concern about the TAC making policy recommendations without going through the full commission or the executive board. Although Bill felt that this particular vote was not of major concern, he noted that the Rutland TAC and Regional Planning Commission had had serious differences in the past over policy questions. Bill does not want this to happen in Addison County and expressed concern over unilateral action on policy questions by the TAC. Adam noted that urgency existed on the letter of support because of action in the legislature.

Bill moved to accept the nomination of Lamoureux and Dickinson of the Bristol Study. Thea seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Housing Committee: No items other than to note we need a super majority at our next meeting to pass the Housing Section and amend the entire Regional Plan.

Local Government Committee: No items.

Natural Resources Committee:

Tom noted that Hillary had scheduled a meeting of the Natural Resource Committee to respond to Stephen Syz's letter regarding watershed planning and to go over the process for our own watershed plan as proposed by staff. The Executive Board discussed watershed planning at length and resolved that the Natural Resources Committee was well suited to review the outline for watershed planning that Hilary had sent them to ensure that it represents the direction that the Commission wants to pursue.

Notify Ellen of Natural resource committee meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

VAPDA Minutes: None were available at the time of the meeting.

Annual Meeting: Adam distributed an invitation and newsletter containing the schedule of events for the Annual meeting. All approved.

VELCO: The Executive Board reviewed and approved the letter Adam had sent to the Citizens for Responsible Energy on their behalf. They also requested that Adam call Jamie and ask if he was holding a meeting with VELCO.

Resolution regarding Celebration Champlain and the Lake Champlain Basin Program: Adam distributed the Resolution that the county of Essex New York concerning the conditions of their support for the Heritage initiative. Adam stated that he generally supported the resolution, except for the direct exclusion of the Lake Champlain Basin Program in the Resolution and the portion addressing the funding. After a lengthy discussion, the Executive Board voted to adopt a similar resolution, modified to exclude any direct mention of the Basin Program and to change the language concerning the funding. Adam will redraft the resolution, send it to the Executive Board for their approval and then forward it to the congressional delegation writing legislation to support heritage based economic development activity in the Lake Champlain Region.

Other: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Proposed Workplan and Budget: Adam reviewed the proposed Workplan and budget. The budget remained largely unchanged from that presented at the Full Commission meeting. Adam answered the questions Randy Friday raised concerning the rent (It increased \$50/mo.) and the workers comp ins. (We have an audit at the end of the year that will adjust our rate upward). Adam also focused on some new elements to the Workplan this year, including finishing Project Impact, and the all Hazards plan for the county. The Executive Board noted that the Full Commission had requested a synopsis of the Project Impact projects at the Annual meeting. **The Executive Board unanimously voted to pass the Workplan and Budget to the Full Commission for a vote at the annual meeting.**

TAC Recommendation of Consultant for Bristol Study. Please see the Committee Report of the TAC above.

Onsite Systems Results: Adam distributed an Executive Summary for the success of the project from Gary Fern of Otter Creek Engineering.

Other items: Last meeting Ellen had suggested that we tape the full commission meeting. Adam stated that we would look into it. Adam announced that the service was available for free if we could find a volunteer to work the camera or for \$50 if we needed a cameraman. The Executive Board instructed Adam to try to find a volunteer at Hannaford.

Ellen asked what the status of the Onsite rules and legislation. Harvey explained that the legislature had unanimously chosen not to support the rules as proposed by the legislature. Those rules may still be implemented by the Dean administration. However, the house is still reviewing S27 and may make changes to that bill.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Submitted by: Adam Lougee