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ADDISON COUNTRY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, August 28th, 2002

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission Executive Board's August 28th, 2002 meeting was held at the regional planning commission's office in Middlebury with Harvey Smith presiding.

ROLL CALL:

<i>Bristol</i>	
<i>Cornwall</i>	Don Shall
<i>Middlebury</i>	
<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 7:10 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Ellen moved to accept the minutes of the July meeting. Don seconded the motion to adopt the minutes, as amended, which passed with none opposed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ACT 250: Adam noted that we had received a couple of new Act 250 applications this month. The most significant one involved a camp being created on about 600 acres of land in Starksboro. Another involved a telecommunications antenna on an existing silo. Adam stated that he had sent a description of the camp in Starksboro out to the Act 250 Committee for their review.

Transportation Advisory Committee: No Action.

Housing Committee: No action.

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Local Government Committee: No action. However, Adam noted that the committee would review Lincoln's Town Plan the first week in September. Harvey asked which towns were not able to use the new Onsite rules because of the lack of a confirmed plan. Adam noted Bristol, Cornwall, Lincoln (Has asked for confirmation), Salisbury, Waltham and Weybridge did not have regional confirmed plans. Harvey suggested that Adam draft a letter to each notifying them of the status of their plan, offering assistance and informing them of the consequences of not having a regionally confirmed plan.

Natural Resources Committee: Harvey noted that Hilary had left the commission to return to school. He asked about the status of the hiring process. Adam noted that he had closed the advertising, had received several good resumes and would be interviewing for the position next week and hiring as soon as possible. Harvey noted that in the interviewing process that Adam should make sure to determine both the qualifications and political biases of all candidates to ensure that the person selected would work with all landowners in the region cooperatively and effectively.

OLD BUSINESS:

Committee Assignments: The Executive Board reviewed the committee assignments. Adam noted that Bill McQuillan felt he did not have the time to chair the committee and requested that the Executive Board appoint a new chair. Adam distributed the committee list for the Executive Board to review. Adam also suggested that since this was a large topic area perhaps the E-Board might want to appoint co-chairs. However, the Executive Board felt that that decision would be bad precedent, but might work if desired by the committee. After a lengthy discussion, the Executive Board requested that Ellen Kurrelmeyer serve as chair of the committee. Ellen graciously accepted. Tom also suggested that at the September meeting when we announce the committees we request that any one not on a committee volunteer for the Utilities and Facilities Committee.

Onsite Septic Issues: Adam reviewed the meeting with the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation and Rutland Field Staff that the regional planning commission had hosted in August. He stated that the meeting was well attended and received by the engineering community. He also noted that many had left with concerns regarding the application of the rules. Adam distributed a letter he had written to Commissioner Recchia addressing those concerns. The letter was well received by the Executive Board. They thanked Adam for bringing it to their attention and directed that he provide copies to the full commission at the next meeting.

Other: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Proposed Heritage Corridor Legislation. Adam supplied the Executive Board with a copy of Senator Jefford's proposed legislation regarding funding heritage related improvements in the Champlain Valley and a copy of the resolution the Full Commission had passed at its June Meeting, supporting legislation to fund heritage related improvements upon the condition that the funding distribution be locally controlled. The Board noted that the proposed legislation largely failed to incorporate local control of the funding. The board requested that Adam draft a letter reiterating the points of the resolution passed by the full commission in June and bring the letter to the Full Commission's September meeting.

Other items: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Submitted by: Adam Lougee