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ADDISON COUNTRY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
December 4th, 2002

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission Executive Board's December 4th, 2002 meeting was held at the regional planning commission's office in Middlebury with Harvey Smith presiding.

ROLL CALL:

<i>Orwell</i>	
<i>Cornwall</i>	Don Shall
<i>Middlebury</i>	Karl Neuse
<i>Monkton</i>	
<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 August meeting. Karl seconded the motion to adopt the minutes, which passed with none opposed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ACT 250: No Action.

Transportation Advisory Committee: Adam reported that at its last meeting the TAC listened to a presentation concerning the Access Management inventory ACRPC would conduct on state highways on behalf of VTrans. The TAC also discussed the safety issues at Addison Four Corners, voting in favor of putting islands in front of the Addison Store to keep vehicles from parking and blocking the line of site from the intersection and the intersection of 116 and the Lincoln Road, voting to support moving the stop bar forward in order to provide better site distances. Lastly, the TAC decided they would review the Bylaw issue at their next meeting.

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Housing Committee: No action.

Local Government: The Committee held a public hearing in November on Bristol's Town Plan. They will hold a hearing in Weybridge on its Town Plan next Tuesday.

Economic Development: Harvey reported the committee would meet tomorrow at 3:00p.m.

Utilities and Facilities: Ellen noted they had met with the Division for Water Supply and had reviewed a proposed draft of the Water Supply section of the Utilities and Facilities Plan. They had also met with the Addison County Solid Waste district to discuss the waste districts plan and to coordinate the two plans. They plan to cover Wastewater next month.

Natural Resources Committee: No Action. The Committee will meet in January.

Old Business:

VAPDA Minutes: Harvey questioned whether it was appropriate for VAPDA as a body to support legislation requiring regional commissions to participate in homeland defense or whether it should have been brought back to the regional commissions to vote.

Other items: Ellen reported that the Whiting Water Corporation met with Rural Development and found out they did not currently qualify for funding to rebuild their system. However, they were told if they created a Fire District, then their ability to borrow would be dramatically increased. Ellen reported that the meeting was helpful and that the Corporation was pursuing changing its structure.

Ellen asked whether VELCO was still on the full commission agenda for January. Adam responded that they were.

V. New Business:

Addison County Regional Planning Commission FY2004 Assessment: Adam handed out a proposed assessment requesting a 3 cent increase in the rate to support the regional planning commission's activities. Ellen noted that the increase equaled approximately 3.7%. Harvey noted that we had not raised the rate last year, but had raised it the year before by approximately 3%. Karl made a motion to recommend the increased assessment to the full Commission. Don seconded the motion. After further discussion, the motion passed with Ellen voting against it.

December Full Commission Meeting with Legislators: Harvey noted that since this was the beginning of a new term and none of the legislators would know of bills unless they were sponsoring them themselves, that we should probably give the legislators some ideas of the issues that were important to the regional planning commission and ask some one with some knowledge of each issue to give a brief synopsis of some major concerns within the county. The Executive Board decided to focus on four issues:

1. Onsite: Adam would ask Steve Revell and Karl Neuse, two members of the Commission on the Technical Advisory Committee and the Governor's Oversight Committee to discuss the ramifications of the Onsite legislation on Addison County. **(Adam speak with Steve and Karl)**
2. Transportation issues: Adam had already sent the legislators a list of delayed projects; we should also share the TAC priority list with each legislator. **(Adam speak with Garrett to get Jon Emerson as Chair of the TAC, or another TAC member, to address this issue.)**
3. Stormwater- Adam noted that each municipality in the region with a town garage would probably need to secure General construction permits for them, impacting most towns within the region. **(Adam find some one to discuss this issue.)**

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4. Ag Issues – The agricultural industry is important to Addison County and is facing very hard times. It impacts nearly every important planning issue in the county. **(Harvey will get a respected member of the farm community to discuss issues they are facing.)**

Other: Adam distributed copies of the audit to the Executive Board. They will review them and take them up at their next meeting.

Adam noted that the Division for Historic Preservation had requested that the Addison County Regional planning Commission help it by taking over the administration of the Transportation enhancement grant that they had received two years ago to build a dock on Lake Champlain to house the “Weatherwax”, the sail ferry built by the State of New York. Historic Preservation does not have the staff to oversee the project and is thinking of returning the grant. After some discussion, Karl moved that the Executive Board recommend to the full commission to take over responsibility for the grant and get the dock built so that the sail ferry could serve both Vermont and New York.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Adam Lougee