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**ADDISON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

August 27, 2003

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission's Executive Board meeting was held at the regional planning commission's office in Middlebury with Don Shall presiding.

ROLL CALL

Orwell

Cornwall Don Shall, Chair

Middlebury Karl Neuse

Monkton Thea Gaudette,

New Haven Harvey Smith

Waltham

Whiting 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 July minutes and Harvey seconded the motion, All voted in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The board reviewed the treasurer's report. Adam noted that all accounts are high because we have received the first half of our payment from ACCD. Karl asked about the rate increase in Worker's Compensation. Adam explained the increase was the result of an end of the year audit and price increase. **Thea moved to accept the report and Ellen seconded the motion. All approved.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Local Government Committee: Thea noted that the committee reviewed the plans for the Town of Salisbury. She noted that although the committee had noted some technical concerns, those were in areas where we had typically allowed some leeway. She is

confident that Salisbury will make the changes recommended by the committee and that the committee will recommend confirmation and approval.

ACT 250: Adam noted that not a lot of activity had taken place. Middlebury applied for a permit for its new police station in early July. Adam also noted that in the VELCO case, the Public Service Board had scheduled public hearings for **Monday September 29, 2003** commencing at **7:00 p.m.** in the **Auditorium of the Otter Valley Union High School**, 2997 Franklin St. Brandon, Vermont; and on **Tuesday, September 30, 2003 at 7:00p.m.** at the **Charlotte Town Hall** 159 Ferry Road Charlotte, Vermont. Adam noted that he currently planned on attending at least one of the public hearings on behalf of the regional planning commission and will present the resolution adopted by the full commission at its March meeting at that time.

Economic Development: The re-constituted committee will meet in September.

Natural Resources: Harvey noted that the natural resources committee would meet early in September in Bridport to observe and to discuss milfoil harvesting on Lake Champlain.

Transportation Advisory Committee: Don and Thea will meet with John Emerson, Garrett and Adam on September 17th at ACRPC's office on September 17th at 6:00p.m. to discuss the TAC Bylaws.

Utilities and Facilities: Ellen noted that the committee had finished the goals and objectives for the health and human services portion of the plan. Adam also noted that at our September meeting we would be having a presentation by a number of recreational organizations in the county. That presentation would feed the work of the Utilities and Facilities Committee for that section of the plan and also help the commission provide input to the State on its statewide outdoor recreational plan.

OLD BUSINESS

VAPDA minutes: None available.

Committee Assignments: Adam handed out the memo he had created and sent to the commission members after the July Executive Board meeting. He noted that he had not received any additional comments. The E-Board decided to keep the Committees the same as it had in July.

Adam also suggested that the Executive Board consider allowing alternates to vote for committee business, even when delegates were present, in order to encourage more participation. After a brief discussion and further review of the bylaws, the Board determined that although the bylaws supported broad participation on committees by all persons, the bylaws specifically limited for voting rights to delegates. Accordingly, it chose not to change the rule. However, Thea noted that we should flag this item and consider it for discussion the next time we considered amending the bylaws.

Audit Update: Adam informed the Executive Board that the Audit, by Miller Deverill, was progressing and that he still estimated that it would be finished at the end of September. He also noted that the Commission had three outstanding contractual issues left to resolve, two with emergency management and one with transportation. Adam commented that he felt he would resolve them favorably.

VELCO Update: Please see the Act 250 report.

Other Old Business:

None

NEW BUSINESS

Other: Designating Route 30 as a State Scenic Byway. Adam noted that Ellen had sent him an article from the Rutland Herald concerning the designation of Route 30 as a state scenic byway. Adam noted that he had spoken with Gail Freiden of the Middlebury Business Association about extending the byway designation in Middlebury and that Gail had been generally positive. Don and Ellen requested that Adam send information to Cornwall and Whiting to inform them of the pros and cons of designation and gauge their interest in designating Route 30.

ADJOURNMENT: Thea moved to adjourn and Ellen seconded a motion to adjourn, which passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Submitted by: Adam G. Lougee