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ADDISON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
September 24, 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

<i>Orwell</i>	Andrea Ochs
<i>Cornwall</i>	Don Shall, Chair
<i>Middlebury</i>	
<i>Monkton</i>	Thea Gaudette,
<i>New Haven</i>	
<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:

Thea moved to accept the August minutes and Ellen seconded the motion, All voted in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The board reviewed the treasurer's report. Adam noted that the budget is on track and the balances reflect that. **Thea moved to accept the report and Andrea seconded the motion. All approved.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Local Government Committee: Thea noted that the committee had not taken any new action.

ACT 250: Adam noted that not a lot of activity had taken place. He attended the original meeting of the public service board's review of the VELCO application for a certificate of Public Good in July and planned to attend the Public Hearing scheduled for Monday

September 29th in Brandon. At that hearing he will present the resolution passed by the full commission in March. He expects the committee will meet shortly after that hearing.

Economic Development: The re-constituted committee met last Tuesday. They expect to have the plan completed by January.

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

Transportation Advisory Committee: Don met 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. Adam distributed the note that he prepared for Garrett requesting that Garrett draft a Resolution for the approval of the TAC and Executive Board at their October meetings.

Utilities and Facilities: Andrea noted that the committee had an excellent presentation by David Blittersdorf regarding wind power and Jeff Forward regarding biogeneration. Andrea noted that the committee felt that they were covering the entire energy section of the plan by dealing with the Utilities and Facilities. She recommended that the Committee be authorized to re-write the energy section of the plan while working on the Utilities and Facilities Section, thereby completing more of the plan. The Executive Board supported the Committee's request and voted to bring the matter to the full commission at the next meeting during the Committee's report with a favorable recommendation.

OLD BUSINESS

VAPDA minutes: None available.

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 on the 15th of October. All issues with emergency management appear to have been resolved. Adam noted that there is currently one issue in the audit that he was hoping to resolve tonight. He noted that in May of 2002 the Executive Board made a change to the budget that increased the employer's contribution to the retirement fund from 5 to 7 percent. Adam stated that although the change was reflected in the budgets that passed, the Executive Board's approval is not noted in the minutes. After some discussion trying to recreate the events of one and one half years ago, in which most of the board remembered discussing the topic, but not the exact figures, Tom moved to acknowledge that the Executive Board changed the compensation rate from 5 to 7 percent pending confirmation by another member of the Board. Thea seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

VELCO Update: Please see the Act 250 report.

Other: None

NEW BUSINESS

Visit by Sec Dorn: Adam noted that the Joint Partners had received notice that Secretary Dorn planned to visit the region some time this fall, probably November. Adam distributed a proposed meeting agenda that he had helped to create with Jamie Stewart and Linda Stearns. The agenda call for open community meetings in the morning and lunch with the directors and chairs of the Joint Partners.

Visit by Sec McDonald: Secretary of Transportation McDonald will be visiting the greater Addison/Rutland Region to discuss public transportation and economic development. She will host an open public meeting at the Otter Valley Union High School on October 23rd from 6p.m. – 8p.m. The Addison and Rutland County TACs will attend. Any others interested in attending are welcome and encouraged.

Request by MALT: The Executive Director of MALT, Gioia Kuss called the other day, complimented the regional planning commission on our forum on recreation last month and requested that we work with her group to organize a larger all-county event. The Executive Board opined that the planning commission staff could work to help support MALT's efforts, but should make sure that the forum is open to and includes all of the Addison Region, includes full participation by all recreational groups, including ATV riders and enjoys broad co-sponsorship. Adam will follow-up with Gioia.

Other: None

ADJOURNMENT: Thea moved to adjourn and Ellen seconded a motion to adjourn, which passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Adam G. Lougee