

DRAFT

ADDISON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
November 26, 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> | Karl Neuse |
| <i>Monkton</i> | Thea Gaudette, |
| <i>New Haven</i> | Harvey Smith |
| <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 minutes of the October meeting 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 met in Starksboro last week. The Committee will make a favorable report at the next full commission meeting.

ACT 250: Adam noted that not a lot of activity had taken place. Tony Neri has submitted an application to build a natural gas storage facility on the railroad tracks in Middlebury. The Solid Waste District is renewing their permit.

Economic Development: The committee met last week. The committee started into its goals and objectives. It expects to have the plan completed by February.

Natural Resources: Harvey noted that the natural resources committee will meet again next Monday night and continue discussing the Ti mill tire burning proposal. Harvey asked the Executive Board for some direction. He also noted that he felt the Governor had done a good job on this issue. Ellen asked whether a resolution supporting the governor would be beneficial. Karl asked about the lawsuit that lake property owners had entered with the Ti mill and how this might affect them. Ellen stated that the resolution would be important. The executive board discussed a resolution putting the burden on the Fort Ti Mill to satisfy the Governor and ANR's demands.

Transportation Advisory Committee: Tom reported that the TAC had met and put an effort into identifying park and rides in Addison County. It was also putting out an RFP to study the intersection of Exchange Street and Route 7. Additionally, the TAC also worked on its proposed bylaws. Adam distributed the draft that they worked on. Don noted that the TAC had made significant progress in creating rules for itself to operate by as one committee.

Utilities and Facilities: Ellen reported that the committee had an interesting discussion regarding the Energy Section of the plan. They plan to continue to work on the section next month.

OLD BUSINESS

VAPDA minutes: Adam distributed the minutes for October and November and the VAPDA bulletin, a publication for legislators that explains what regional planning commissions do.

Audit Update: Adam informed the Executive Board that the Audit, by Miller Deverill, was completed and contained no negative findings. He distributed the audit.

VELCO Update: Adam distributed the proposed resolution that he and Fred and Judy had drafted, as modified by the Section 248 committee. He also distributed a letter that he was proposing to send to Selectboards of impacted towns proposing that they group together to address with the aesthetic issues. Fred asked whether Adam had created the letter to deal with the boards order regarding consultation with other like parties. Adam responded that it was where he was going anyway, but that the letter would help to comply with the order.

The board reviewed the resolution and began a debate. The Board chose to add a line to section 4(b) a statement regarding the consolidation of lines, modification of pole locations, pole designs and types of poles.

Other: Andrea noted that she had spoken with Tim regarding emergency management issues.

Adam noted that the commission had asked about moving the time of the commission meeting. All supported keeping the programs on the agenda. The opinion of the board was mixed as to whether starting earlier would help. Most agreed that we should really focus on starting meeting on time, warning the program as closing at 8:20 closing the program promptly at 8:30 taking a short break and convening the business meeting no later than 8:45.

NEW BUSINESS

Visit by Sec Dorn: Adam noted that the Joint Partners had received Deputy Secretary Terrill the previous week. The meetings had went well and given a large number of people from the planning and business community to speak with the deputy Secretary and the Commissioners of each of the departments within the Agency of Commerce and Community Development.

Assessment: Adam distributed a proposed assessment for town dues for the following year. It included a 2-cent increase. After some discussion the board voted unanimously to pass the assessment as proposed to the full commission.

Other: None

ADJOURNMENT: Thea moved to adjourn and Ellen seconded a motion to adjourn, which passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Submitted by: Adam G. Lougee