

ADDISON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
February 27, 2008

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

ROLL CALL

*Bristol* Bill Sayre  
*Goshen*  
*Middlebury* Fred Dunnington, Chair  
*Monkton* Thea Gaudette  
*Orwell*  
*Starksboro*  
*Vergennes*

STAFF

Kevin Behm, Assistant Director/GIS Mgr

**BUSINESS MEETING:**

A quorum was not present. Agenda items were discussed and recommendations will be provided to all the Board members for consideration.

**APPROVAL of MINUTES:**

No action.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

No action.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Local Government Committee: Thea noted that the Committee held plan hearings in Orwell and Monkton and recommended Commission approval of their recently completed town plans. Since the last Commission meeting was canceled, the Middlebury Town Plan will be presented in March.

ACT250/248: No activity.

Energy Committee: The Energy Committee is working with several partners on the Green Expo to be held this Saturday.

Natural Resources: No meeting due to weather, rescheduled to March 5<sup>th</sup>

Transportation Advisory Committee: No discussion.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

VAPDA minutes: VAPDA minutes were not available.

Other: No items

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Nominating Committee: The nominating committee is typically comprised of one member leaving the E-Board, one commission member at-large, and a past E-Board member. Executive Board terms are limited to 5 years on the Board and 3 years as an officer. Several members were discussed and it was decided to offer Andrea Ochs, Ellen Kurrelmeyer and Charlie Huizenga to the full E-Board as a suggested Nominating Committee. Since a quorum was not present E-Board members not in attendance should contact Adam to express their agreement or alternative.

Annual Meeting: Annual Meeting topics and possible locations were briefly discussed. Thea thought that the Red Barn at Basin Harbor has been a good site. The East Middlebury Inn was also mentioned. Middlebury's Creative Economy activities were mentioned as a topic. Rep. Dave Sharp also had recommended Tom Taylor's class at Mt Abe's energy work as a possible Commission topic. This could be a good idea for the Annual Meeting, as a continuation of an energy theme. Adam has also mentioned a social capital/community organizational theme as well.

The annual Bertha Hanson award should be awarded from nominations of the Commission. The next meeting agenda will ask for nominations to be passed to Adam for consideration by the E-Board.

Comments on Consolidated Plan: Kevin provided handouts of the proposed changes in the VCDP loan process. A letter objecting to the proposed process from Karen Horn, VLCT, was also provided. Those in attendance agreed with VLCT's objection to the proposed municipal sub-granting of loan administration back to the VHFA. They also disagreed with the return of funds to a new fund under the control the VHFA. They felt that the VCDP program is a municipal program and should remain as such. They asked that Adam draft a letter in opposition to the proposed changes.

Other New Business: Elissa Close has regretfully sent a letter to the Commission offering her resignation due to health issues. The E-Board would like a letter sent to Elissa thanking her for all of her work on behalf of the Commission. Also, the E-Board is recommending that her position be unfilled for the balance of her term, since the Annual Meeting and selection of new officers is near.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Submitted by: Kevin Behm