

Addison County Regional Planning Commission

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ADDISON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING February 4, 2009

BUSINESS MEETING:

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission's Executive Board meeting was held at the regional planning commission's office in Middlebury with the Chair, Fred Dunnington presiding. Fred began the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Bristol
Ferrisburgh Bob McNary
Goshen
Middlebury Fred Dunnington
Monkton Thea Gaudette
Ripton Jeremy Grip
Whiting

STAFF

Adam Lougee, Director

Minutes:

Thea moved the minutes, Bob seconded them, all approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Thea moved the Treasurer's report, Bob seconded the motion. All approved.

Committee Reports:

Act 250: Adam noted that we had only received one permit application since last month's meeting. AgriMark is applying for a 10,000 sq. ft. expansion at its Middlebury Plant. Middlebury received a jurisdictional opinion that the Cross Street Bridge would not be subject to Act 250.

Brownfields: Jeremy noted that the Committee had a meeting last month, met with ATC, ACRPC's consultants, who described their work to date and approved an additional scope of assessment work for the Shade Roller Mill.

Addison Bridport Bristol Cornwall Ferrisburgh Goshen Leicester
Lincoln Middlebury Monkton New Haven Orwell Panton Ripton
Salisbury Shoreham Starksboro Vergennes Waltham Weybridge Whiting



Energy: Sat Dec 6th Conference

Committee met Friday January 2nd to work on projects. Working on a packet for Town Energy Coordinators January 22nd Energy alt to Vt Yankee, Feb 26th Small Community Hydro Power.

Bob noted that the Energy Committee planned to comment on the small scale hydro rules and would bring something to the full Commission in March.

Fred updated the Executive board on the Frog Hollow Project. He noted that the Town and the Holms are still in discussions regarding how to move forward with the project. The Holm's have had to give back \$250,000 of the implementation grant funding they had received because they had not advanced the project.

Local Government: Thea noted the Local Government Committee had nothing to Report.

Natural Resources: The committee met January 6th and 27th. They finished the wildlife section and will take up cultural resources on February 24th.

Transportation: Bob reported that the TAC did not have a quorum at its last meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Strategic Planning for ACRPC: Adam distributed copies of the survey results and memorandum he wrote summarizing the results. The Board discussed the survey. How should it inform our planning process? Bob McNary spoke to making sure our work is relevant to the Towns and encourages them to work together. Jeremy noted that RPCs are outside the political process. While we function like county government, we do not have the political power or money base to involve a lot of people. Jeremy agreed that we needed to find regional significant infrastructure as an issue. Bob noted that he wanted us to work more with economic development. The Executive Board discussed economic issues as they relate to planning. The discussion continued for some time. Adam thanked the Executive Board, noted that he would have a program and facilitator in place for the next Executive Board meeting to lead the discussion and outlined the timeline he had created to create and adopt a strategic plan.

Bridport CDBG Grant: Adam reported that the Town of Bridport had signed its grant with the State and the sub-grant with ACRPC. We are taking care putting some procedural elements back together and will be back underway shortly.

Audit: With the Bridport CDBG back on track, we can complete the audit. I will have it for the full Commission.

Other: None.

NEW BUSINESS

Mid-year Report to DHCA: Adam handed out the mid-year report ACRPC submits to DHCA each year and offered to help with questions or comments board members might have.

Report to Towns for Annual Report: Adam distributed the one page summary of Report he sent to each of the towns in the region to include in their annual report.

Other: Adam requested that the E-Board consider speakers for the Annual meeting. Bob suggested David Blittersdorf of NRG.

ADJOURNMENT: Bob moved to adjourn. Jeremy seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Adam Lougee