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ADDISON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

August 26, 2009

BUSINESS MEETING:

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission's Executive Board held its monthly meeting at the regional planning commission's office in Middlebury with the Chair, Thea Gaudette presiding. Thea began the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL

<i>New Haven</i>	Harvey Smith
<i>Ferrisburgh</i>	Bob McNary
<i>Goshen</i>	
<i>Lincoln</i>	Steve Revell
<i>Monkton</i>	Thea Gaudette
<i>Ripton</i>	Jeremy Grip
<i>Whiting</i>	Ellen Kurrelmeyer

STAFF

Adam Lougee, Director

Minutes:

Bob moved the minutes of the July 22, 2009, Ellen seconded them, after some minor corrections regarding attendance, all approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Bob moved the Treasurer's report, Steve seconded the motion. Adam explained that we had a positive fund balance last year. He expects that it will change a little bit with the Audit adjustments, but that he expects to end the year in the black by about \$10,000. All approved the treasurer's report.

Committee Reports:

Act 250: Adam noted that we had received one application since the last meeting for a 25 unit elderly housing project in Vergennes. A permit in favor of CVPS providing electrical service to the Livingston property was approved, but is being appealed by CVPS on procedural grounds.

Brownfields: Jeremy noted that the Committee had not met. He noted that the second part of the phase II investigation on the Shade Roller Mill in Vergennes began and we expect a report soon. Adam noted that the teleconference he had scheduled last week was cancelled because of illness, but he expected it would be rescheduled soon.

The Committee will meet to review that report.

Energy: Bob gave the energy report. The program for tomorrow is a screening of the film, “Kilowatt Ours and a discussion of the film. Elizabeth did a good job publicizing the meeting. At its monthly meeting, the committee visited the Putnam house and reviewed their energy efficiency improvements. It continues to look at a broad variety of projects.

Local Government: Thea noted the Local Government Committee had nothing to report, but expected to be busy later this summer and into the fall.

Natural Resources: The committee continues to work on updating the plan.

Transportation: The Committee meets this month to look at Town and regional proposed studies. They will make final decisions at its next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Website: Adam noted that Elizabeth had been working diligently updating the website. Three of the five major sections are up to date. The entire website will be up to date by the Full Commission meeting on September 9th.

EECBG (“Energy”) Funding: Adam noted that he still expected the money allocated to the RPC to flow in October. He also handed out a copy of the appeal he had filed on behalf of the County appealing the Department of Energy’s determination that Vermont Counties could not handle and therefore should not receive ARRA energy funding. Adam believes the appeal will be successful and could yield an additional \$50,000-\$100,000.

Project Status:

- Byways: Adam noted that we had been very successful this summer in getting a number of new towns in Addison County to designate roadways as a part of the Lake Champlain Byway. Ferrisburgh, Middlebury, Cornwall Whiting Shoreham and Orwell had all designated sections of Road, significantly adding to the length of the Lake Champlain Byway. Elizabeth will be re-writing the Corridor Management Plan this fall to incorporate them into the byway.

Steve recommended that we make sure to publicize byways success we have after the Transportation Board approves final adoption. .

- Western Corridor Study: Adam noted that the western corridor study was also winding down. The final draft for public review will be released at the end of September. Adam believes we will be pleased with the final product. It is well informed and works well with our transportation plan and priorities. He hopes VTrans will use it as it works on the western corridor. Steve noted we need to make sure we pressure VTrans to use western Corridor Plan. Be more proactive with our funders.

Other: Adam distributed the Annual Report that he provided to DHCA.

NEW BUSINESS

Committee Assignments: Adam distributed the list of committee requests he had received to date. The Board reviewed the requests and made appointments to various committees based upon their best judgment. All members that requested committee assignments received at least one of their requests. Upon completion of the assignments, Harvey moved that the Board adopt the assignments it had created, Steve seconded the motion, all approved. A list of committee assignments is attached to these minutes Adam will distribute the Assignments with the package for the full commission meeting.

Other: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Bob moved to adjourn. Jeremy seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by: Adam Lougee