

ADDISON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
November 24, 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>	

STAFF

Adam Lougee, Director

Minutes:

Bob moved the minutes of the October 28, 2009 meeting, Steve seconded them, all approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Bob moved the Treasurer's report, Jeremy seconded the motion. Adam explained that we had a positive fund balance so far this year. He also noted the audit should be completed shortly and that he does not expect any adverse findings.

All approved the treasurer's report.

Committee Reports:

Act 250: Adam noted that we had received two new applications. The first requests permission to build a small animal hospital and chiropractic office in Bristol on a parcel greater than 10 acres. The second is an application by CVPS under Section 248 of Title 30 to build a new 46kV transmission line from Weybridge to New Haven. Adam explained that before we had an energy committee, review of this type of project had fallen to the Act 250 Committee. Under our Energy Committee charge, we moved responsibility for review of projects under Section 248. Adam wanted to make sure the Executive Board understood and supported the change. They agreed and the energy Committee will review the application at its next meeting. Adam noted that he did not expect any issues with this particular application. They have already presented it before

the full commission and made a compelling argument why the project was necessary. They are locating in an existing corridor and appear to have done a good job with public outreach up front.

Brownfields: Jeremy noted that the Committee had met and made two funding decisions. First, it voted to support additional Phase II investigations at the Shade Roller Mill to try to pin down the source of the contamination on the site. Second, it voted to fund a Phase II investigation into the Middlebury Union High School Legion Fields Property.

Energy: Bob gave the energy report. October's program concerned water reclamation. The program for December 10, 2009 concerns wood fired boilers. He noted the Pellet Manufacturing Feasibility Study is complete and available on the web. He also noted that there was a very quick turnaround for Town Energy Applications to the State. They are due December 8th. Elizabeth will need to begin outreach right away, before our grant funding arrives. The regular meeting will be December 4th. The Energy Committee continues to look at a broad variety of projects.

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

Transportation Advisory Committee: Bob noted that John Ziconni and Jim Harris attended the last TAC meeting and gave a thorough briefing on activities concerning the Lake Champlain Bridge.

Strategic Planning: The committee met and discussed outreach efforts at its December Meeting.

Local Government: Thea noted the Local Government Committee had visited Vergennes last month and regionally approved the City Plan. See reported that it was a very difficult visit. The Vergennes Planning Commission did not appreciate the suggestions staff made for improving the plan. **The Board asked Adam to follow-up on the discussion with Mel Hawley.**

OLD BUSINESS

EECBG ("Energy") Funding \$153,000 through the federal direct program and \$80,000 through the state. Adam noted that our applications were in for both programs. He anticipates receiving contracts within a month or so. As noted above, we have already begun work.

Audit: Adam noted that he had hoped to have a draft of the audit for the meeting. He did not, but it is very close and he should have something for the Full Commission meeting.

Champlain Bridge Update: Adam gave a brief update regarding the Champlain Bridge. He noted that the State was moving ahead with a ferry at the bridge and expected service to be ready sometime around the end of the year, hopefully before the Ti ferry needs to

close. He also noted that New York had made some emergency relief funds available and that Vermont is in the process of also creating some funding to help affected businesses.

Appointment of Addison County Economic Development Representative for new January ACEDC term. Adam noted that he had received a note from Robin Scheu, ACEDC's Executive Director noting that their board's term began in January and requesting ACRPC appoint/re-appoint a representative. The Board requested that Adam note the appointment opportunity in the newsletter and seek interest among the membership.

Other: None

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Rate Assessment for Municipal Dues 2010/2011: Adam handed out information regarding ACRPC's local assessments including what level funding would mean and with a 3% suggested dues increase. The Board reviewed the information and after discussion, noting that level funding the assessment would mean a decrease in dues largely because the census had revised its most recent population estimates down, voted unanimously to recommend that the Commission adopt a 3 cent rate increase.

Meeting with Legislators December 9th: Adam noted we would meet with the legislative delegation on December 9th and asked the Executive Board if there were any specific topics it would like to see covered. Thea suggested school consolidation. Bob suggested the budget deficit.

Other: Bob asked Adam about professional development training for himself and the staff. Adam responded that he, Elizabeth and Tim had all been to educational training events since the summer.

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

Submitted by: Adam Lougee