

ADDISON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
April 28, 2010

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 6:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

STAFF

Adam Lougee, Director

Minutes:

Harvey Smith moved the March meeting minutes. Steve Revell seconded the motion. After a brief discussion, all approved the minutes as presented.

Treasurer's Report:

Adam gave the Treasurer's Report. He explained that Pauline had returned to the office and was catching up on the billing. In the meantime, ACRPC's financial position remains very strong. Ellen moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Bob seconded the motion. All approved the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Committee Reports:

Act 250: Ellen reported there had been no significant activity since the last full commission meeting.

Brownfields: Adam reported that the Shade Roller drilling was complete and we were awaiting a report. He also noted that the Phase II investigation on the Legion Building for Middlebury Union High School is completed. The final report has been issued and recommends a small amount of further investigation.

Energy: Bob noted that he was working on the Train Station in Vergennes. He reported that the committee in charge looked at a geothermal heating and cooling system and that

it had come in only \$10,000 more than a conventional system. Given the operational savings of a geothermal system over time, Bob hopes the committee will support installing geothermal at that site. Thea noted that the Nantucket Sound wind farm had been approved.

Natural Resources: The committee continues to work on updating the plan and is completing the mineral resources section of the plan.

Transportation Advisory Committee: Thea noted that the TAC had re-elected Jeff Nelson as Chair and Bill Finger as Vice Chair. She also noted that the TAC was collecting data on town transportation priorities. Lastly, the TAC is investigating requesting that VTrans remove an existing Court Street roundabout project from its books, which is probably no longer necessary because of the signalization work on Route 7, and replace it with roundabout at the intersection of Exchange Street and Route 7 north of Middlebury.

Strategic Planning: The committee met and discussed marketing. In the meantime, visits to each town had begun and were progressing. The Executive Board asked Adam to make sure staff kept the presentation to as close to the 30 minutes requested as possible within the scope of the Selectboard's questions.

Local Government: Thea noted the Local Government Committee had visited Waltham this past month and will recommend that the full commission confirm their planning process and approve their town plan at the June Commission meeting. She also expects to visit Lincoln and Whiting shortly.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Preliminary Workplan and Budget: Adam distributed the same budget amendment for this year and draft Workplan and Budget for next year that he had supplied at the full commission meeting in April. He had reviewed it with staff and not made any changes. Adam noted that both the amendments and the Budget and Workplan for next year look favorable. The Board instructed Adam to bring both the amendments to this year's budget and the proposed Budget and Workplan for next year to the full commission at the Annual Meeting for its approval.
2. Annual Meeting and Speaker: Adam announced that he had pursued the recommendations of the Executive Board from the previous month and that he proposes that the Annual Meeting take place at the Red Mill at the Basin Harbor Club in Ferrisburgh with Art Cohn, the Director of the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, serving as speaker. Bob McNary expressed his concern about the cost of the meeting and the perception it might create. Thea noted that the commission consists of volunteers that donate their time throughout the year and this is the most significant reward we give them. Steve agreed with Thea and noted that the Annual dinner built bonds among commissioners. Ellen also noted that the dinner served as a reward to delegates' spouses. After further discussion, Harvey moved

the program and dinner. Steve seconded the motion. On a voice vote, Harvey, Steve, Ellen and Thea voted in favor of the motion, Bob opposed the motion.

3. Bertha Hanson Award:

Adam noted that he had received nominations for the Bertha Hanson Award. Both nominees were at the table. Adam presented the nominations to the Executive Board. After a discussion, the Board selected a nominee and will present the award at the Annual Meeting.

4. Other: Ellen brought up the topic of staff visits to member towns. Bob suggested that staff bring along a map or some other tangible representation of what the planning commission does for towns. They also suggested that Adam speak with certain staff members about continuing professional education for public speaking.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Challenges for Change. Adam gave a Challenges for Change update from the legislature. He noted that we, the RPCs, had been doing a good job getting our message across and that it seemed to be well received. However, things were still very much in flux and we needed to continue to work in the senate. Adam also noted that he and Robin Scheu had met with the Addison Senate delegation the previous Sunday morning and they had received our request and appeared to be supportive.

2. Other. Adam asked that the Board enter executive session to address a personnel matter. Ellen moved to enter Executive Session. Harvey seconded the motion. After concluding the discussion in Executive Session, Thea declared the Executive Session over and re-entered the regular meeting. Thea then moved that Adam pursue the Personnel matter as discussed and bring it to its appropriate conclusion after consultation with ACRPC's attorney. Ellen seconded the motion. Bob McNary excused himself from the vote. All remaining members of the Executive Board: Thea, Steve Ellen and Harvey voted in favor of the motion.

Adam asked the Executive Board to enter Executive Session again to discuss another personnel matter. Ellen moved to re-enter Executive Session. Harvey seconded the motion. The Board entered Executive Session. After concluding its discussion, Thea moved the Board out of Executive Session. Ellen moved that based upon the violation of the agreement in place, the Chair and Executive Director should seek and enforce the remedy contained in the agreement. Thea, Ellen, Harvey and Steve voted in favor of the motion.

ADJOURNMENT: Ellen moved to adjourn. Steve seconded the motion. All approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Adam Lougee