

ADDISON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

November 29, 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 6:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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| <i>Bridport</i> | Andrew Manning |
| <i>Bristol</i> | |
| <i>Lincoln</i> | Steve Revell |
| <i>Monkton</i> | Thea Gaudette |
| <i>New Haven</i> | Harvey Smith |
| <i>Ripton</i> | Jeremy Grip |
| <i>Whiting</i> | Ellen Kurrelmeyer |

STAFF

Adam Lougee, Director

Minutes:

Harvey Smith moved to accept the October minutes. Steve Revell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

The Board reviewed the Treasurer's report. Adam noted that this is the first projection for this fiscal year since closing the books on the audit. At ¼ of the way through the fiscal year, we are on budget. Thea asked why receivables are so low. Adam noted we are a little behind having just closed the books, but will be catching up quickly. Ellen moved to accept the report. Steve seconded the motion, which all approved.

Committee Reports:

Local Government Committee: No meeting.

ACT250/248: Ellen noted that the commission had received one application for a permit from CVPS to replace lines in Shoreham. The application is expected to be treated as a minor. She also noted that VTrans had sent plans to reclaim and re-pave Route 17 between Route 22A and Route 7 next summer.

Brownfields: No meeting, but one will be set shortly.

Natural Resources: The Committee meets tomorrow evening. Hopefully, it will complete its draft and release it for the full commission to review.

Energy: Harvey stated that the committee had met on Monday November 15th. They reviewed Cross-Pollination's Section 248 application and expect to enter a stipulation agreement, reviewed the best place for ACRPC in the energy field, reviewed preliminary notice from Four Hill's farm that they would apply for a methane digester on their farm in Bristol and reviewed ACRPC's progress to date under the energy grants that it has.

Transportation Advisory Committee: Andrew reported that the TAC had met with members of Addison County's legislative delegation at its last meeting to discuss transportation issues.

OLD BUSINESS

Audit: Adam distributed a final copy of the audit approved by the commission at its November meeting.

Other: Ellen asked whether Cornwall was happy with the paving and shoulders it had helped pay for. She noted she did not think that the shoulders provided were 3 feet wide. Adam said he believed that although they looked narrow, he thought they were in fact 3 feet wide consistently. **He will have Rick measure them ASAP and report back to the Board.** Ellen also noted that the scope of the no parking striping on Route 30 where it intersects with the Leicester/Whiting Road in Whiting was substantially reduced. Whiting is concerned that it is so diminished that people will ignore it, park along Route 30 in front of the Post office, reducing site distances at the intersection and causing an accident. **Adam will speak with the Project manager about the striping.**

Steve raised the issue Charlie Huizenga brought up at the full commission concerning running over time on meetings and presentations. All agreed we should work to keep to our schedules and get people out on time. Ideas included asking Commissioners to hold questions until the end, cutting speaker's time off promptly at 8:30 and asking Commissioners to ask concise, questions on the topic before the commission. Steve suggested that Adam only comment briefly on highlights. **Thea asked Adam to put the item on the next agenda and she will engage the Commissioners on the topic.**

NEW BUSINESS

Health Insurance. Adam handed out a memorandum discussing the escalating cost of health insurance and options for how the Commission might address it. At the present time, he did not recommend changes. After a lengthy discussion the Executive Board advised Adam that he had the authority to make changes or not this year as he chose. He should consider switching to BC/BS this year. However, they also emphasized that the cost issue is real, that times are changing and that we should seriously address the issue in

the future. Staff should be aware of the Board's concern over this expense and be prepared to work with Adam to address this issue.

Proposal for Dues 2011/2012. Adam handed out a proposal to keep dues at the same rate for next year as they were this year, \$1.08 per capita. After a brief discussion of municipal budgets, Harvey moved to adopt the level dues assessment as proposed. Jeremy seconded the motion, which then passed unanimously.

December Meeting with Legislators. Adam reviewed the letter he had sent to the legislative delegation with the Executive Board and noted he had not received a lot of positive RSVPs to date. **Harvey suggested Adam send an e-mail reminder.** The Board discussed the program.

Other: Harvey noted that "Bloom", a controversial movie on dairy impacts on Lake Champlain was premiering in Burlington tonight and that the Commission should be aware of it. **Harvey also noted that the methane digester on the Dubois Farm will be operational soon and that they will be having an open house on December 21st that he thought the Energy Committee should be aware of and get on the invitation list.**

ADJOURNMENT

Harvey moved to adjourn. Ellen seconded the motion. All approved and the meeting adjourned at 8:05.

Respectfully submitted by:

Adam Lougee