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ADDISON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

December 22, 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 6:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL

<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:

Steve Revell moved to accept the November minutes. Ellen Kurrelmeyer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

The Board reviewed the Treasurer's report. Adam noted that ACRPC's balances remain strong, that receivables are good and that revenues exceed expenses, though by a smaller margin than in the past because of ACCD's new payment policy. **Ellen moved to accept the report. Harvey Smith seconded the motion, which all approved.**

Committee Reports:

Local Government Committee: No meeting. The Committee will meet in Shoreham in February.

ACT250/248: Ellen noted that the District 9 Commission had issued a permit for CVPS to replace lines in Shoreham.

Brownfields: Jeremy Grip noted that the Committee met December 7th. The Committee received a close out briefing from Adam Foreman of ATC on its shade Roller project. ACRPC successfully defined the contamination on the site for the current owner and the

current owner is working to craft a remediation plan. Unfortunately, they are also suing prior owners of the site for damages stemming from the contamination ACRPC's investigation revealed. The Committee also discussed a proposal from Encore redevelopment to study closed landfills in Addison County as possible sites for municipal solar generation projects.

Natural Resources: See below. The Committee completed its draft and released it for the full commission to review at the last full commission meeting.

Energy: The Committee met December 13th. Attendance at the committee continues to be an issue and the committee continues to look for a time to meet that will satisfy a majority of its members. **Adam will ask Kevin Lehman to stay on top of this issue.** That being said, Kevin Lehman is coming up to speed fast and ACRPC has the opportunity to participate in a lot of good projects in the immediate future.

Transportation Advisory Committee: No meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Contract Agency of Commerce and Community Development ("ACCD"): Adam noted that ACRPC had received a new contract from ACCD for the 17 month period beginning February 1, 2011. He was generally pleased with its terms and current funding level, given where we could have ended up. We still may be an issue in the legislature this spring, so things may change, but for right now our funding house is in order and we just need to make sure we perform on the performance measures contained in the contract.

Health Insurance: Adam noted that he had chosen not to make any changes to staff's health insurance this year. However, he also told staff that if costs keep rising, he may be forced to do something next year and that he would start the process early and keep them informed during it.

Other: Adam noted that he had followed up on Ellen's concerns on the striping of the bike lanes on Route 30 and forwarded his findings to the project manager. Ellen expressed her concern that she had not heard back from Josh Hulett, the Route 30 project manager, addressing her concerns about the "Zebra Striping" on Route 30 to protect the site distances necessary for safety at its intersection with the Leicester Whiting Road. **Adam stated he would contact Josh again.** Ellen also asked about extra bike lane markings for Route 30. **Adam stated he would have Rick get in touch with Jon Kaplan to determine what would be appropriate and make sure it happened when VTrans completes the striping next spring.**

NEW BUSINESS

Agricultural Series: Adam noted that we did not get funding from the Basin Program for the Ag series we had proposed. Adam noted he was disappointed as he thought it was a good application. Harvey suggested that ACRPC could also seek private funding. The

board also suggested pursuing other grants and/or scaling back the program. **Adam noted that he and Claire would meet shortly after the New Year and create a new strategy.**

Natural Resources Section of the Plan. The Board supported a commissioner focused discussion of the plan. **In the Agenda, Adam should encourage Commissioners to come prepared to make specific changes to the plan that they can discuss with the group intelligently. If they would like to include handouts, they should get them to Kevin or Adam prior to the meeting.** The Executive Board noted it was pleased with the quality of the discussion contained in the draft plan section.

Bloom: The Board discussed whether it would be appropriate for the Commission to show the movie Bloom. Kevin Behm had informed Adam that he had requested a copy from the producers for the Natural Resources Committee and that the Producers had offered to come down and show the movie. No one on the Board had seen the movie. They instructed Adam to secure a copy of the movie, review it with Kevin Behm and make a recommendation. If ACRPC chooses to show it, we should create our own panel to discuss it, perhaps as a part of the Agricultural Series we have been discussing, and probably at a larger venue than ACRPC can provide.

Other: Adam noted that he would be asking the Commission and Staff to be taking a self-assessment survey, probably in February or March, as part of our on-going efforts to improve our community focus and to respond to specific initiatives in Challenges for Change.

Ellen requested that Kevin send Whiting extra copies of the Natural Resources section of the plan when we release it for general consumption. Thea asked that we put it on our website and make an electronic version available for download. **Adam stated that he would speak with Kevin Lehman about making it readily available.**

ADJOURNMENT

Harvey moved to adjourn. Ellen seconded the motion. All approved and the meeting adjourned at 8:010.

Respectfully submitted by:

Adam Lougee