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ADDISON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

January 26, 2011

**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

*Bridport*

*Bristol* Bill Sayre

*Lincoln* Steve Revell

*Monkton* Thea Gaudette

*New Haven* Harvey Smith

*Ripton* Jeremy Grip

*Whiting* Ellen Kurrelmeyer

STAFF

Adam Lougee, Director

**Minutes:**

**Ellen Kurrelmeyer moved to accept the December minutes. Steve Revell 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. **Steve 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 CVPS had applied for a permit to replace lines on Lake Street in Shoreham. The District 9 Commission has issued a draft permit noting it will approve the project unless a party requests a hearing prior to February 11, 2011.

Brownfields: Jeremy Grip noted that the Committee will meet tomorrow. The Committee will receive a close out briefing from Joe Hayes of ECS on its Legion Fields project for the Middlebury Union High School project. ACRPC successfully defined the

contamination on the site for the current owner and expects to receive a project closure letter shortly at no further expense to them.

Natural Resources: The Committee met last night. Please see below for current items discussed.

Energy: The Committee met on Tuesday January 25<sup>th</sup>. The Committee reviewed each of the Federal and State programs that we are currently administering. 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.

Transportation Advisory Committee: The TAC met in January and began its review of the region's priorities for VTrans.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Contract Agency of Commerce and Community Development ("ACCD"): Adam noted that ACRPC had received an executed contract from ACCD for the 17 month period beginning February 1, 2011. He also noted that the Governor's proposed budget level funds the RPCs. 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.

Bloom: Adam reported that both staff and the natural resources committee had reviewed Bloom and created conflicting recommendations to the Executive Board regarding whether it would be worth the time for viewing and discussion at a full commission meeting. Staff felt it merely outlined problems, posed no solutions and was meant to evoke strong opinions. One would either like it or not. They recommended that the commission would be better off working with the watershed collaborative to create a program specific to Addison County based upon the data the Collaborative has been collecting. The Natural Resource Committee, acknowledged the lack of solutions, but felt the movie outlined real problems and we should focus an informed discussion concerning how to address them. The Board deliberated both opinions. Ellen Kurrelmeyer noted that "Bloom" would be showing on Vermont Public Television tomorrow evening. Ultimately the Board asked Adam to send an e-mail notice to commissioners that Bloom would be playing Thursday evening. They also asked Adam to try to set a meeting in March with the Watershed Collaborative to discuss their testing regimes, their findings and proposed solutions they have implemented here in the region.

Agricultural Series: The Board noted that the Watershed program noted immediately above started to address some of the questions raised at the agricultural forum. However, they still would like more specific program items moving forward and requested Adam find additional resources to fund those programs.

Natural Resources Section of the Plan. Adam informed the Board that We had not received that many comments on the natural resources section of the plan, but that we

expat more. The Board supported a commissioner focused discussion of the plan at the next meeting. After some discussion, they recognized that the cancellation of the January meeting due to snow probably means we are no longer looking at voting on this section of the plan in May at the annual meeting. Instead, they anticipate the following schedule: April, first hearing; June second hearing; September vote and asked Adam to inform Kevin and the Committee.

Survey for full Commission: 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. The survey was originally prepared by the National Association of Development Organizations, but has been edited to adapt to Vermont. We shortened it considerably, but it will still take most people 30-45 minutes to complete. **The Board reviewed the survey, while they were concerned about its length, they instructed Adam to distribute it and to make sure he had a specific 1 page introduction before asking people to jump in.**

Other: None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Report sent to the Towns for Annual Report: Adam noted that we had distributed an annual report to each of the Towns for inclusion in their town report should they choose to do so. **A copy is attached for reference.**

Other: None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Bill moved to adjourn. Steve seconded the motion. All approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:50p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Adam Lougee