

ADDISON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
January 28, 2015

**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.

ROLL CALL

*Bridport* Andrew Manning  
*Bristol*  
*Bristol* Chico Martin  
*Middlebury* David Hamilton  
*Middlebury* Ted Davis  
*Monkton* Thea Gaudette  
*Ripton* Jeremy Grip

STAFF: Adam Lougee, Director

Thea opened the meeting at 6:35.

**MINUTES**

**Chico Martin moved to approve the December 3, 2014 minutes. Jeremy Grip seconded the motion. The minutes passed by voice vote with all approving.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Board reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Adam noted that fund balances remain good. Revenues through December for the new fiscal year exceed expenses, but only when you include the DHCA payment for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Adam noted otherwise we are running behind by about \$10,000. Adam noted that he hoped having a transportation planner in place would help improve revenues. Ted Davis **moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Jeremy Grip seconded the motion, which all approved.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Local Government Committee: No meetings to report. Orwell and Middlebury have adopted new plans and will be seeking regional approval.

ACT250/248: Adam reported the Committee would meet again next week to discuss the criteria underlying its intervention on the TDI New England Application.

Natural Resources: The Committee met January 14<sup>th</sup> It discussed the Significant Regional Resources map and whether any additional resources should be added.

Energy: Jeremy reported the Committee met December 4th to review some solar siting guidelines and shared them with the Commission in January. The Committee will meet again to make small corrections before sending out the recommendations to towns.

Transportation Advisory Committee: The TAC met in January and prioritized District leveling projects. It also discussed the prioritization of all projects, which it will start next month.

Plan Re-write. Thea noted the Committee did not have a quorum at its last meeting and would meet again in February.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Vermont Gas Update: Adam presented the Executive Board with a very brief status update. Nothing has changed since the full Commission meeting.

Emergency Management, HMGP Status. Adam noted that the State has received the award for HMGP and would issue a contract within a couple of months. This will be about a \$200,000 grant for ACRPC over the next 3 years.

Transportation Planner: Adam reported that he had hired Josh Donabedian as ACPC's Transportation Planner. Josh started in January 26<sup>th</sup> and Adam has already introduced him to the TAC. Adam noted he was excited to have Josh on board.

Criteria 9L Guidance, Act 250: Adam handed out information on the new guidance from the Natural Resources Board regarding how to interpret the changes to criteria 9L and the draft memo Adam had created at the E-Board's request to "test" how the guidance would be applied in specific situations. The Executive Board reviewed the Memo and instructed Adam to send it to the Natural Resources Board.

Natural Resources Planning. Adam noted that water quality would be a big issue in the legislature this year. He noted that ACRPC already worked in natural resources, but received very little dedicated financial support for that work. He noted that could change and handed out the provisions of H35 a bill in the House this session addressing water quality and including funding for RPC's within the bill. The Board acknowledged that ACRPC already did water shed work and that the scope contained within the bill were things that ACRPC already worked on and had good partnerships on.

Other:

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Other: None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Chico moved to adjourn. Andrew seconded the motion. All approved and the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by:  
Adam Lougee