

ADDISON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
February 25, 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 Chair, Thea Gaudette, presiding.

ROLL CALL

<i>Bridport</i>	Andrew Manning
<i>Bristol</i>	
<i>Bristol</i>	Chico Martin
<i>Middlebury</i>	David Hamilton
<i>Middlebury</i>	Ted Davis
<i>Monkton</i>	Thea Gaudette
<i>Ripton</i>	Jeremy Grip

STAFF: Adam Lougee, Director

Thea opened the meeting at 6:35.

MINUTES

David Hamilton moved to approve the January 28, 2015 minutes. Andrew Manning 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 January for the new fiscal year exceed expenses, but only when you include the DHCA payment for all of the 3rd quarter. Adam noted otherwise we are running behind. **Jeremy Grip moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. David Hamilton 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 met to discuss intervention on the TDI New England Application, that he had filed the motion on behalf of ACRPC, which he distributed and that they would meet again later in the month when staff brought them further information.

Natural Resources: The Committee will meet in March to continue its discussion of the Significant Regional Resources map and whether any additional resources should be added.

Energy: Jeremy reported the Committee met to make small corrections to the solar siting guidelines and have distributed them to all communities in the region. They also discussed the State OF Vermont program that will serve as the successor to the SPEED Program, called “RESET” and how that may impact renewable development. Lastly, the Energy Committee of ACRPC will sponsor a VECAN workshop on how to create a municipal solar facility at their March meeting.

Transportation Advisory Committee: The TAC met in February and prioritized State roadway and bridge projects. It also discussed the prioritization of all town bridge projects. It will complete its work prioritizing town bridge projects at next month’s meeting.

Plan Re-write. Thea noted the Committee met in February just before the full Commission meeting. It would reschedule its March meeting to allow for discussion with Commissioner Mears regarding water quality.

OLD BUSINESS

Vermont Gas/TDI Update: Adam noted that he had discussed activity for TDI under committee reports above. He noted that he had filed a brief comment on Vermont Gas’s withdrawal of Phase II noting that if the PSB were to award fees, it should do so uniformly, not to just those organizations that requested them. He noted that the Phase I remand had not had a schedule set to date.

Emergency Management, HMGP Status. Adam noted that the State has received the award for HMGP and would issue a contract within a month. 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 26th 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 noted that he had spoken with Melanie Kehne, the General Counsel for the Natural Resources Board. She thanked ACRPC for its letter, but noted that the Natural Resources Board had not done a lot to discuss it yet, as they were working on finalizing rules for ACT 250. She expected the Natural Resources Board would propose something later in the spring and would get back in touch with us. **The Executive Board noted that Adam should tickle his calendar to keep on the board on a monthly basis and get a response.**

Natural Resources Planning. Adam continued the conversation from the previous month by noting that he had invited Commissioner Mears to discuss the big Water Quality bill, H.35 at ACRPC’s next full commission meeting. **They asked Adam to get a summary of the issues in the bill out with the package prior to the meeting and post the bill on ACRPC’s website.**

Other: None.

NEW BUSINESS

Nominating Committee: Adam noted that ACRPC bylaws state the Executive Board shall recommend a nominating committee to the full commission for election at the March meeting. He also noted that at least Bill Sayre and Andrew Manning would be leaving the Executive Board this year because of term limits. The Board looked at the general membership to determine who they might select to recommend. They decided on a committee to be led by Andrew, since he was leaving the Board and asked Adam to solicit the other recommendations prior to the full commission meeting to determine whether they would be willing to serve and to report back to Thea as chair.

Annual Meeting and Program: Adam noted that we have some time, but should begin thinking about a speaker and program for the annual meeting so we can announce it at the April Full Commission meeting. The Board brainstormed. The venue needed to seat 50 plus comfortably (David recommended the porch at Tourterelle) and that the speaker should be light, educational and entertaining. The Board also recommended several candidates including Noelle McCay, Bill Shubert, Jane Lindholm and Steve Trombulak) and asked Adam to investigate and follow-up next meeting.

Other: None.

ADJOURNMENT

Jeremy Grip moved to adjourn. David Hamilton seconded the motion. All approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Adam Lougee