

ADDISON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
March 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 6:40.

MINUTES

Jeremy Grip moved to approve the January 28, 2015 minutes. Chico Martin 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, but we have drawn \$20,000 from the savings account. Revenues through February for the fiscal year lag expenses, by about \$14,000, when you include the DHCA payment for all of the 3rd quarter Adam noted we are running behind. Adam explained that nearly the entire deficit stems from lagging revenues. He will work with the staff to emphasize billing projects. **David Hamilton 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: Nothing new since full commission.

Natural Resources: The Committee met in March and continued its discussion of the Significant Regional Resources map and whether any additional resources should be added.

Energy: Jeremy reported the Committee met to sponsor a VECAN workshop on how to create a community solar facility at their March meeting. They had good attendance.

Transportation Advisory Committee: The TAC met in March and prioritized candidate town bridge projects.

Plan Re-write. Thea noted the Committee did not meet in March to allow for discussion with Commissioner Mears regarding water quality.

OLD BUSINESS

Vermont Gas/TDI Update: Adam distributed a schedule for the TDI proceeding. He noted the committee would meet again shortly to refine ACRPC's participation. Regarding Vermont Gas, he stated that the PSB had not set a schedule yet for the Phase 1 remand, but he expected one shortly as they had held a status conference. Thea stated that we should discuss if and how ACRPC participates in the remand at the next full commission meeting.

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

Criteria 9L Guidance, Act 250: Adam noted that he had not heard anything new from the Natural Resources Board, **but would keep on checking in periodically.** Adam also noted that he had attended the meeting in Ferrisburgh regarding the Denecker decision, Ferrisburgh's parcel and Criteria 9 (L). Adam reported that Commissioner Mackay told Ferrisburgh that while Denecker may have had problems had he continued, she was sure the right type of well designed light industrial manufacturing project could be built on the town's parcel under 9 (L).

Other: None.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Budget for FY 2016: Adam noted it is very early and handed out a proposed budget for FY 2016. He noted that we generally voted on it in June. Adam explained that he had only included projects he knew he had contracts for and that the budget showed a small deficit. The Board noted that Adam needed to refine the budget between now and June to create a small contingency that he believed in.

Annual Meeting and Program: Adam noted that the Commission had secured a speaker for the annual meeting that should fit our criteria. He is finalizing the location and will announce both at the full Commission meeting.

Bertha Hanson Award: Adam noted he had received only one nomination to date. The Board discussed whether someone should be able to win the award twice. Thea noted she would ask for

additional nominations again at the next full commission meeting and asked Adam to ask staff for suggestions.

Other: Chico asked about the decision on the gravel pit in Bristol. None of the other members of the board were aware if a decision had issued.

ADJOURNMENT

Jeremy Grip moved to adjourn. David Hamilton seconded the motion. All approved and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Adam Lougee