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**ADDISON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

May 27, 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**

*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 6:30.

**MINUTES**

**Jeremy Grip moved to approve the March 25, 2015 minutes. Andrew Manning seconded the motion. The minutes passed by voice vote with all approving, except Ted Davis, who abstained**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Board reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Adam noted that fund balances remain good. Revenues through April of the fiscal year exceed expenses by about \$35,000, when you include the DHCA payment for all of the 4th quarter, plus dues and some other prepayments, Adam noted we are still running behind, but he also believes that we continue to close the gap and can hit positive cashflow for year end. Adam will continue to work with the staff to emphasize billing projects. **Ted Davis moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Jeremy Grip seconded the motion, which all approved.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Local Government Committee: The Committee will meet with Orwell June 17, 2015.

ACT250/248: See TDI below.

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

Energy: The Committee will meet again next month.

Transportation Advisory Committee: Andrew noted that the TAC met in May. It re-elected Will Sipsey and Jeff Nelson as its officers, chose to do capital budgeting in Panton and reviewed the State Bike Plan.

Plan Re-write. No Meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Vermont Gas/TDI Update: Vermont Gas, Adam noted rebuttal testimony just became due. Vermont Gas filed testimony that the project still provides significant economic benefit to the Addison region. Therefore, it concludes the PSB should not re-open the case and it should retain its CPG. Party opponents make the case that the project costs too much to provide economic benefit and the PSB should revoke the CPG. The Vermont Department of Public Service has submitted its testimony and has concluded that the cost overruns, while significant, do not change the ultimate disposition of the case. Therefore, it concludes that Vermont Gas should retain the CPG.

TDI update: Adam had shared TDI's answers to ACRPC's discovery with the Executive Board. He noted that the Act 250/Section 248 committee had also reviewed them and had recommended that ACRPC continue to pursue the property tax issue on behalf its member municipalities. **The Executive Board supported the Committee's recommendation.** Adam noted that he would convene the chairs of the selectboards of the potentially impacted lake towns; share the information he had discovered with them and solicit their feedback regarding how ACRPC should continue to pursue this action.

Emergency Management, HMGP Status. Adam noted that ACRPC had finally received this grant award. It is substantial at \$216,000 spread over the next two and a half years. Adam noted he had included about \$70,000 in next year's budget. He will convene a staff meeting on Friday to allocate responsibility for the tasks.

Proposed Budget and Workplan for FY 2016: Adam noted both the budget and workplan remained largely the same as the draft he distributed at the full commission meeting, including a contingency of slightly over \$20,000. Adam did note that he would change the workplan to incorporate terms from the Agency of Commerce and Agency of Transportation contract he had recently received.

Other: None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Agency of Transportation and Agency of Commerce workplan for next year:

Adam reviewed portions of the workplans for these two agencies with the Executive Board.

Other: Thea noted that VTrans had approved the alternative location for the Monkton Park and Ride. That work will improve the lower parking lot by the school.

Ted Davis asked if the regional plan supported the improvements to the Middlebury Airport. Adam responded that it did. Ted noted a lot of residents seem to be concerned about them.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted by:  
Adam Lougee