

ADDISON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
February 25, 2016

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

Bristol

Leicester Diane Benware

Middlebury David Hamilton

Middlebury Ted Davis

Monkton Thea Gaudette

Ripton Jeremy Grip

Shoreham Nick Causton

STAFF: Adam Lougee, Director

Thea opened the meeting at 6:35.

MINUTES:

January 27, 2016 Minutes: David Hamilton moved to adopt the January 27, 2016 minutes. Nick Causton seconded the motion. The motion passed by a voice vote with all approving.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Adam supplied a Treasurer's report including balances as of February 25 and a budget report complete through January of the current fiscal year. Adam noted that the cash balances are currently good. Adam also noted that revenues currently exceed expenses. **David Hamilton moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Ted Davis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Act 250/248: Adam noted that the Committee met on February 4th to discuss applications it had received. It asked the District Environmental Commission to seek additional information so it could evaluate the impact of the proposed redevelopment of Gervy Park in Waltham's on the Otter Creek. It also reviewed Sunrise Orchards Section 248 application for an array next to Vermont Refrigerated Storage and generally found the project well designed. The Committee

will meet again on March 3rd and will discuss the “Fast Track” process for solar development with GMP.

Local Government Committee: No meeting.

Natural Resources: The Committee has not met since the full Commission meeting.

Energy: The Committee has not met since the full Commission meeting, but is invited to join the Act 250 Committee at its next meeting.

Transportation Advisory Committee: Diane Benware reported the TAC met in February. Its primary piece of business was ranking State transportation projects for the region. It started with Town highway bridges and will take up other state infrastructure at its next meeting.

Plan Re-write. The full Commission will vote on the proposed plan amendments and re-adoption of the plan at its March meeting. Thea encouraged Adam to remind the Commissioners that we need a supermajority to pass the plan, so he should encourage all to show up and vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Vermont Greenline: Adam stated that he had met with representatives of the project. They will present the project to the full Commission as its program for March.

Amendments to Regional Plan: Please see plan re-write discussion above.

Annual Meeting (Program and location): Adam asked the E-Board for ideas. They discussed 4 possible spaces:

1. Tourterelle,
2. Rokeby’s new space,
3. Mary’s
4. The Edgewater Space.

If we need a caterer, Thea recommended Dog Team catering.

David suggested a professor from Middlebury for a speaker and will follow-up with him.

Adam will look into locations and bring them up before the full commission to determine a preference.

Other: None.

NEW BUSINESS

Nominating Committee: ACRPC’s bylaws state that the Executive board shall choose a nominating committee at its February meeting to recommend for a vote to the Full Commission at its March meeting. Adam noted that one person had volunteered to serve on the nominating committee this year. The Executive Board reviewed the bylaws and list of delegates. It noted

that it generally appointed a retiring member of the Executive Board to serve on the nominating committee. It also chose two other delegates to nominate and requested that Adam contact them to confirm they would be willing to serve on the Nominating Committee.

Other: Thea noted that the Town of Monkton had been engaged in a lawsuit for several years over “quarrying” vs. “gravel extraction”. The case was recently decided by the Vermont Supreme Court in favor of the Town of Monkton which held that blasting rock ledge and crushing it into road material did not constitute “gravel extraction”.

ADJOURNMENT

Jeremy Grip moved to adjourn. David Hamilton seconded the motion. All approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Adam Lougee