

ADDISON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
March 23, 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

<i>Bristol</i>	Chico Martin
<i>Leicester</i>	Diane Benware
<i>Middlebury</i>	David Hamilton
<i>Middlebury</i>	Ted Davis
<i>Monkton</i>	Thea Gaudette
<i>Ripton</i>	Jeremy Grip
<i>Shoreham</i>	

STAFF: Adam Lougee, Director

Thea opened the meeting at 6:35.

**MINUTES:**

**February 25, 2016 Minutes: Ted Davis moved to adopt the February 25, 2016 minutes. Chico Martin 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 March 23rd and a budget report complete through February of the current fiscal year. Adam noted that the cash balances are currently down slightly, but still pretty good. Adam also noted that revenues currently exceed expenses. **David Hamilton moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Jeremy Grip seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Energy and Act 250/248: Jeremy noted that the committees met jointly on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and discussed the "Fast Track" process for solar development with GMP. It also discussed two solar projects of 500kW each, one in Ferrisburgh on the Pierce Property by Route 7 and the other in Whiting on the Crawford property. The Act 250/Section 248 Committee felt that both projects were well-sited, conformed with the criteria ACRPC had specified in its letter to solar developers

and agreed ACRPC did not need to participate. The Third project involved the extension of the runway at the Middlebury airport. The Act 250/Section 248 Committee noted that both the Town Plan and ACRPC's plan specifically supported the project. Ross Conrad raised the issue of stormwater and how it might impact the aquifer serving Middlebury's drinking water system. The Committee requested that Staff review the stormwater sections of the application and discuss the issue with the Town of Middlebury and report back at the next meeting. The next meeting of both committees will be on April 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:30. The committees will review ACRPC's guidance to towns regarding solar siting in light of the Bennington decision.

Local Government Committee: No meeting.

Natural Resources: The Committee met just prior to the full Commission meeting. They reviewed water quality issues, the Bennington Solar siting decision and the current forestry bill.

Transportation Advisory Committee: Thea Gaudette reported the TAC met in March. Its primary piece of business was reviewing projects for the region. It also briefly discussed the proposed Vergennes bypass, noted that the Regional Plan advocated for an alternative study to be completed to address truck traffic in Vergennes and supported the position taken in the plan. Lastly, Thea noted that she informed the TAC that she was willing to stay on the TAC for a period of time to oversee the work on the Transportation section of the Regional Plan.

Plan Re-write. No activity since the votes at the last Full Commission meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Amendments to Regional Plan Follow-up: Adam noted that the new Plans should be back from the printer by the end of the week and he will forward them to the Region's municipalities ASAP.

Annual Meeting (Program): David is following-up on his suggestion and will let the group know shortly. If David's alternative does not work out, the board discussed another person to approach. Adam will work with Mary's to host the event as it was the clear choice of the delegates at the last meeting.

Bertha Hanson Award: Adam noted that he had not received any nominees to date and will make the request again at the April Full Commission meeting.

Other: David asked if the Commission had taken any action on the Anbaric Greenline proposal since its last meeting. Thea responded that Anbaric presented to the Full Commission at its last meeting, but that the meeting was informational and ACRPC had not acted yet. David informed the group that Anbaric is discussing the possibility of locating its conversion facility in the Middlebury Industrial Park and that he served on the board involved in those discussions in Middlebury.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Draft Budget and Workplan: Adam noted he did not have a draft prepared for the meeting and will bring it to the next meeting. He also confirmed that we would not adopt the budget and Workplan until the June meeting.

Other: None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted by:

Adam Lougee