

ADDISON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
August 24, 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, Jeremy Grip, presiding.

ROLL CALL

*Ferrisburgh* Tim Davis  
*Leicester* Diane Benware  
*Lincoln* Steve Revell  
*Middlebury* Ted Davis  
*Middlebury* David Hamilton, absent  
*Ripton* Jeremy Grip  
*Shoreham* Nick Causton

STAFF: Kevin Behm, Asst Director

Jeremy opened the meeting at 6:35.

**MINUTES:**

**July 27, 2016 Minutes: Steve Revell moved to adopt the July 27, 2016 minutes. Diane Benware seconded the motion. The motion passed by a voice vote with all in favor.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Kevin was unable to provide the Treasurer's Report for Board action. It was later discovered in the check folder.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Energy and Act 250/248: No new applications to report since the last meeting. The Boards did meet and discuss ACRPC's likely involvement as an intervenor in the Anbaric (VT Green Line) to keep apprised of the issues. Tim is researching the status of criteria for regional approval under Act 64 as well as the "determination of energy compliance" for a town plan.

Local Government Committee: No meeting.

Natural Resources: No meeting, the Committee will meet before the next Commission meeting.

Transportation Advisory Committee: The TAC met on August 17<sup>th</sup> and discussed to 2 potential Study Grant requests – one from Bristol to investigate an eroding bank of the New Haven River behind the creemee stand and Merchants Bank on West Street, and the other a request from Panton to review Vermont’s regulatory exemptions for farm equipment with the goal of determining appropriate “fees for use” applied to the multitude of unregistered farm machinery currently operating on public roads.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Bylaws Rewrite: Kevin passed out Adam’s revisions to the ACRPC Bylaws that the Board had requested he draft as a result of the last meeting. Steve suggested the Board review the list of sections identified in last meetings minutes and any additional changes Adam identified:

1. Our name, Section 201;
2. Sections 301 and 302 (Revise to include all statutory changes);
3. Section 403 Citizen Interest Groups memberships (Are these the correct groups; The policy does not reflect our current practice);
4. 901 Nominating Committee;
5. Section 905 Council of Regional Commissions;
6. Section 1103 (Check against statute);
7. Article XII governing Committees; and
8. Article XIII on Conflicts.

Members agreed with most of Adam’s language with the exception of the wording of Section 1201 Item #2 where ‘specifically’ replaced ‘especially’ in the first sentence to read: “However, ad hoc committees structured specifically to meet the requirements of a law or funding source....”

In addition, the Board deleted the proposed last paragraph of Section 1301 (Conflict of Interest) which addressed apparent or perceived conflict of interest. The Board felt that the earlier language in the section clearly addressed the process the Commission was required to use to determine whether a conflict of interest existed or not and this paragraph seemed to override that process and make it less clear.

Committee Assignments: The Board reviewed the committee requests that had been sent in and tried to satisfy the preferences of all the commission members. Several members had not responded and the Board asked Adam to follow-up with those individuals. A revised Committee list is attached.

Other: None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Energy Planning Contract. Kevin reviewed the recently signed energy contract with the Public Service Department and The Bennington County Regional Commission. This contract is a continuation of an energy planning pilot project initially undertaken by 3 other RPCs. ACRPC and the other RPCs under this amendment will address region wide energy planning and also address the state requirements for approval of regional energy plans. A draft of the state guidance will be available in December. The Board asked the staff to incorporate as much outreach as possible to ensure towns have a voice in the plan.

Programs September and October: The September program will be a presentation by Leslie Pelch of the Vermont Center for Geographic Information (VCGI) addressing the Statewide Property Parcel Mapping Program Project. This is a project funded by the VT Agency of Transportation to create or update tax parcel data to meet a state data standard and to establish an ongoing update annual update program.

The October program will be a presentation by Kristen Underwood (South Mountain Consulting) presenting results from a recent grant in collaboration with the Addison County River Watch Collaborative which analyzed the past 6 years of water quality sampling results and correlated them with soil types, land cover and distance from streams.

Jeremy suggested an energy meeting in November.

Other: None

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Nick Causton moved to adjourn. Tim Davis seconded the motion. All approved and the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Kevin Behm