

ADDISON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

January 25, 2017

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
Ripton Jeremy Grip
Shoreham Nick Causton

STAFF: Adam Lougee, Director

Jeremy opened the meeting at 6:30.

MINUTES

November 30, 2016 Minutes: Steve Revell moved to adopt the November 30th minutes. Diane Benware seconded the motion. The motion passed by a voice vote with two abstentions.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Adam distributed the Treasurer's report. It showed that our balances are in good shape and that our budget for the first half of the year shows a positive cashflow balance. **David Hamilton moved to adopt the Treasurer's Report as presented. Ted Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed by a voice vote with all in favor.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Act 250/248: The Committee will meet again next Tuesday, a week before the full commission meeting. There has been relatively little activity, but it will continue to look at the Dollar General proposed for Route 22A in Shoreham.

Energy: The Committee will meet next Tuesday to continue to work on the data proposed for the plan and on the maps prepared by the Natural Resources Committee.

Local Government Committee: Will hold a meeting in February on the Addison Town Plan.

Natural Resources: No meeting since the full Commission meeting. It passed the Regional Energy maps and natural resources constraints layer it created to the Energy Committee.

Transportation Advisory Committee: The TAC met in January and moved through the VTrans priority project list.

Tim Davis asked Adam about how to get the intersection of Route 7 and the Old Hollow Road in Ferrisburgh on a priority list. He noted that he believes it is an unsafe intersection and that a petition is circulating in Ferrisburgh for a light at that intersection. **Adam stated he would speak to Josh about it.**

OLD BUSINESS

Bylaws Rewrite: Adam handed out the bylaws as adopted at the last full commission meeting. At that meeting, he noted one of the delegates had made several suggestions for additional changes. Since the changes were small, the Commission decided not to delay its vote and to adopt the bylaws as presented. However, it agreed to look at the small proposed changes in the future. The Board reviewed proposed language, accepted the changes that switched the order of the paragraphs, rejected the proposed change that removed the policy on gifts and rejected the proposed change to the section involving Citizen Interest Groups, but did amend that section to add amendment of the bylaws as one of the items citizen interest groups could not participate in. The board requested that Adam bring the Bylaws back to the Full Commission next meeting for a vote the following meeting.

Other: None.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Meeting (Program and Location): Adam asked the Executive Board for suggestions. He noted Tom Scanlon had suggested a speaker, Dr. Lesley-Ann L. Dupigny-Giroux Vermont State Climatologist. All encouraged Adam to pursue her. Adam also listed the locations that can accommodate a group of our size easily as Mary's, Tourterelle and Basin Harbor. The Executive Board suggested we try to rotate back to Basin Harbor.

Nominating Committee: Adam reminded the Executive Board of the change in the bylaws where the Executive Board would request volunteers from the commission at the February Full Commission meeting. The Board instructed Adam to put it on the agenda.

Report sent to Towns for their Annual Report: Adam shared the one page summary of work ACRPC asks towns to include in their Annual report. It represents a good summary of the type of work ACRPC performs. The Board requested Adam share it with the full Commission.

Other: Adam shared a memo with the Board he had created that assessed the security of ACRPC's funding sources given the change in administrations at the federal and local level. Adam concluded that in the short term, all signed contracts would be honored. In the mid-term,

Adam felt most of ACRPC's core programs should remain stable. Adam declined to make projections more than 2-3 years out. The Board noted this uncertainty was a good reason to retain a fund balance to allow us to plan consistently into the future.

Tim Davis suggested that fees for public access could fund the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife if their funding is cut too much.

Steve Revell brought up committee meetings before the full commission meeting. He believes they need to end at least half an hour prior to the full commission meeting, especially if they are in the large conference room so delegates can arrive, take their seat and the meeting can start on time. The Executive Board agreed and Adam agreed to inform staff.

ADJOURNMENT

David Hamilton moved to adjourn. Ted Davis seconded the motion. All approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Adam Lougee