

ADDISON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
FULL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
January 10, 2018

*ACRPC held its monthly meeting at its office on Seminary Street in Middlebury with the Chair, Jeremy Grip of Ripton, presiding.*

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**ROLL CALL:**

<i>Addison:</i>		<i>Orwell:</i>	
<i>Bridport:</i>	Edward Payne Andrew Manning	<i>Panton:</i>	Jamie Dayton
<i>Bristol:</i>	William Sayre Peter Grant	<i>Ripton:</i>	Jeremy Grip
<i>Cornwall:</i>	Stan Grzyb	<i>Salisbury:</i>	Tom Scanlon Barrie Bailey
<i>Ferrisburgh:</i>	Tim Davis Arabella Holzapfel Steve Huffaker	<i>Shoreham:</i>	Linda Oaks
<i>Goshen:</i>	Jim Pulver	<i>Starksboro:</i>	Richard Warren
<i>Leicester:</i>		<i>Vergennes:</i>	Mel Hawley Shannon Haggett Cheryl Brinkman
<i>Lincoln:</i>	Steve Revell	<i>Waltham:</i>	
<i>Middlebury:</i>	Ross Conrad	<i>Weybridge:</i>	
<i>Monkton:</i>	Wendy Sue Harper Stephen Pilcher	<i>Whiting:</i>	Ellen Kurrelmeyer
<i>New Haven:</i>			

**CITIZEN INTEREST REPRESENTATIVES:**

*Addison County Farm Bureau:*  
*Addison County Economic Development Corp:*  
*Otter Creek Audubon Society:*  
*Otter Creek Natural Resources:*  
*Addison County Chamber of Commerce:*

Ron Payne  
Paul Wagner

**ACRPC EXECUTIVE BOARD**

*Chair:* Jeremy Grip  
*Vice-Chair:* Diane Benware  
*Secretary:* Nick Causton  
*Treasurer:* Ted Davis  
*At Large:* David Hamilton  
Steve Revell  
Tim Davis

**STAFF**

*Executive Director:* Adam Lougee  
*Assistant Director/GIS Manager:* Kevin Behm  
*EM/Senior Planner:* Tim Bouton  
*Transportation Planner:* Josh Donabedian  
*Land use Planner:* Claire Tebbs  
*Office Manager/Bookkeeper:* Pauline Cousino  
*Eco-Americorps member:* Nicole Boudah

**7:00 p.m. Public Presentation, Basin 4, South Lake Basin Plan.**

Ethan Swift, Program manager of the Monitoring, Assessment and Planning Program of the Agency of Natural Resources joined ACRPC to discuss the Agencies Basin 4, South lake Basin Plan, which includes the direct drainage into Lake Champlain from portions of Addison County. A link to the Plan is attached here:

<http://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/map/basin-planning/basin4>

A link to Ethan's presentation is attached here.

Ethan concluded his presentation by stating that he felt the South Lake Basin Plan and the Addison County Regional Plan worked well together to support many of the same goals and actions. Ethan noted he expected to work even more closely with ACRPC on the Otter Creek Basin Plan, which is due to be re-written next year.

Bill Sayre raised the concern of the forestry industry that the math on which the TMDL reductions are based does not make sense, at least for the forestry portion of the plan. He explained that on average only 1% of forested lands in the watershed is harvested in any given year. Bill noted that even if you stopped forestry altogether, there is no way you would reduce the amount of phosphorus coming from the forested section of the landscape by 40%. It is simply an unrealistic number.

Ed Payne asked about the South Lake Basin Plans compliance with the Regional Plan.

Ethan noted that the Agency had accepted the plan in December, but if necessary the Agency could still make changes to improve compatibility.

The hearing adjourned at 7:50 p.m. Jeremy thanked everyone for their comments and asked for a 10-minute break prior to the business meeting.

**8:15 BUSINESS MEETING: Jeremy Grip opened the meeting by introducing the first order of business.**

**I. Approval of Minutes.** A motion by Tom Scanlon to accept the December 13, 2017 minutes, seconded by Ellen Kurrelmeyer was approved by voice vote, with Steve Huffaker, Richard Warren, Wendy Sue Harper and Stephen Pilcher abstaining.

**II. Executive Board Minutes:** Jeremy noted that the Executive Board did not meet in December.

**III. Treasurers Report:** Adam presented the Treasurer's Report. Adam noted that for the current year, he noted that balances were lower than normal. Largely because we have not

invoiced for the quarter ending December's work. He noted revenues are behind of expenses. He also stated that we have a lot more contracts payable quarterly or on deliverables than in the past. He expects that when we show all revenue and all expenses on work through December (The end of the current quarter), the budget will tell a much clearer story. **A motion by Ellen Kurrelmeyer to approve the treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Barrie Bailey was approved unanimously by voice vote.**

#### **IV. Committee Reports:**

ACT250/248 Committee: Ellen provided a report of the Committee's activities and applications filed and approved since the last meeting. She noted the Committee had met on January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:30 p.m. with representatives of Green Mountain Power to review their plans for a 5MW solar installation on Greenbush Road in Ferrisburgh. She noted that GMP had been responsive to the Committees suggestion to move the access drive away from the intersection of Route 7 and Greenbush Road and had largely followed ACRPC's siting requirements. The Committee also reviewed the Tractor Supply application and felt it complied with the Addison County Regional Plan and the Town of Middlebury Town Plan.

Energy Committee: Jeremy Grip reported that the Energy Committee met January 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. It selected Monkton Salisbury and Panton as the Round 2 energy plan towns. It also worked its way through the thermal Section of the Regional Plan. It will meet again on January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Natural Resources: The Natural Resources Committee met immediately prior to the full commission meeting. It reviewed the South Lake Tactical Basin Plan.

Transportation Advisory Committee: The TAC does not meet in December.

Local Government Committee: The Local Government Committee has a meeting in Panton tomorrow evening on January 11<sup>th</sup> and Shoreham on January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

#### **V. Joint Partners Report:**

**VI. Delegate Staff Recognition/ Project Highlights:** Adam handed out the monthly highlights. Adam pointed to his highlight, noted that Tim Bouton was retiring in April and formally thanked Tim for all his work on the Commission's behalf.

#### **VII. Old Business.**

Schedule for the Adoption of the Transportation Plan: Adam noted that Josh had worked with the Committee and the delegation from Vergennes to respond to the comments received at

the public hearing in December. They have sent out the revised plan again and will hold the next public hearing in February. Assuming all goes well, Adam will put the plan up for vote at the March meeting.

Schedule for the Adoption of the Regional Energy Plan:

Adam noted that he is still shooting for adoption at the June meeting, prior to the June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline.

Other: None.

**VIII. New Business**

Annual Report for inclusion in Town Reports: Adam distributed the Annual Report for ACRPC that he has asked each clerk to include in the Town Report. He noted it was a good summary of the work ACRPC does for all the Towns in the Region.

Other: None.

**IX. Member Concerns.** None.

**X. Adjourn. On a motion to adjourn by Peter Grant, seconded by Arabella Holzapfel and unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.**

Respectfully submitted by: Adam Lougee