

Addison County Regional Planning Commission

Full Commission Meeting

Wednesday, May 12, 2004

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission's Full Commission Meeting was held on May 12, 2004, at Mary's Restaurant in Bristol, with Donald Shall presiding.

ROLL CALL:

<i>Addison:</i>	Alden Harwood	<i>Orwell:</i>	Andrea Ochs
<i>Bridport:</i>	Andrew Manning	<i>Panton:</i>	
<i>Bristol:</i>	Peter Grant William Sayre Jim Peabody	<i>Ripton:</i>	Jeremy Grip
<i>Cornwall:</i>	Donald Shall	<i>Salisbury:</i>	
<i>Ferrisburgh:</i>	Chester Hawkins Bob McNary	<i>Shoreham:</i>	Meg Barnes Elizabeth Golden
<i>Goshen:</i>		<i>Starksboro:</i>	
<i>Leicester:</i>		<i>Vergennes:</i>	Neil Kamman
<i>Lincoln:</i>	Tommy Thompson Steve Revell	<i>Waltham:</i>	Thomas Yager
<i>Middlebury:</i>	Fred Dunnington Karl Neuse Brian Bauer	<i>Weybridge:</i>	Jan Albers
<i>Monkton:</i>	Thea Gaudette Charles Huizenga	<i>Whiting:</i>	Ellen Kurrelmeyer
<i>New Haven:</i>	Harvey Smith Jerry Smiley		

CITIZEN INTEREST REPRESENTATIVES:

AC Chamber of Commerce:

AC Economic Development Corp:

AC Community Action Group:

Otter Creek Audubon Society:

ADDISON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

ACRPC EXECUTIVE BOARD

CHAIR: Donald Shall

VICE-CHAIR: Ellen Kurrelmeyer

SECRETARY: Thea Gaudette

TREASURER: Karl Neuse

Tom Yager

Harvey Smith

Andrea Ochs

STAFF:

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Adam Lougee

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR/GIS DATA MANAGER: Kevin Behm

EMERGENCY MGT PLANNER/SENIOR PLANNER: Tim Bouton

SENIOR/TRANSPORTATION PLANNER: Garrett Daque

PLANNER/GRANT WRITER: Brandy Saxton

WATERSHED PLANNER: Neil Fraser

OFFICE MANAGER/BOOKKEEPER: Pauline Cousino

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Business Meeting

The business meeting began at 8:15 pm.

Approval of Minutes: April 14, 2004

Andrea Ochs moved to approve the minutes from April 14, 2004. Ed Payne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Adam reported that expenditures and revenues to date are close to running even, and he noted the \$40,000 allocation for the Ripton Firehouse.

Tommy Thompson moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Andrea Ochs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Andrea Ochs moved to approve the proposed amendments to the Economy, Introduction, and Consistency sections of the Addison County Regional plan. Peter Grant seconded the motion.

Jerry Smiley suggested that the proposed amendments to each section be considered by separate vote.

Adam agreed that each section could be voted on separately. Don Shall asked members to first consider the Economy Section of the plan.

Jerry Smiley asked what was meant by sustainable economic growth, adding that since the amendments were basically part of an in-committee process, he would share his concerns in another forum.

Jim Peabody welcomed further discussion with Jerry, and invited him to participate in the next revision of the plan.

Adam noted that there had been public hearings held to discuss the regional plan, and the committee's work is ongoing.

Elizabeth Golden suggested that more specifics, including charts and graphs, be added to the Economic section of the plan.

Jim Peabody explained that the deliberate lack of detail in terms of statistics was to avoid duplicating the efforts of the Addison County Economic Development Committee.

Jerry Smiley felt there was no analysis of any pithy substance in the plan, nor alternative solutions; i.e., the economic situation with agriculture and growth in general – a fundamental part of regional planning.

**HAND VOTE on Economy section of the plan:
24-Yes; 1-No; 1-Absention (Michael Hermann). Motion passed.**

Jim Peabody noted for the record the number of delegates present.

Andrea Ochs moved to approve the proposed amendments to the Introduction section of the Addison County Regional plan. The motion was seconded.

Jerry Smiley noted that the Visions section goes back to the '70's, and needs editing since the Commission has changed itself in terms of its own viability. He admired its candidness, however, and will support the amendment.

**HAND VOTE on Introduction section of the plan:
26-Yes. Motion passed unanimously.**

Thea Gaudette moved to approve the proposed amendments to the Consistency section of the Addison County Regional plan. Peter Grant seconded the motion.

**HAND VOTE on Consistency section of the plan:
25-Yes; 1-Abstaining (Jerry Smiley). Motion passed.**

Thea Gaudette moved to re-adopt the entire Addison County Regional Plan. Peter Grant seconded the motion.

**HAND VOTE on Re-adoption of the plan:
25-Yes; 1-Abstaining. Motion passed.**

New Business

Election of Nominating Committee for Executive Board Elections: Adam cited the slate of nominees as recommended by the Nominating Committee: Don Shall, Chair; Tom Yager, Vice Chair; Thea Gaudette, Secretary; Treasurers, Karl Neuse, Andrea Ochs, Rene Perry and Bill Sayre. Don Shall opened the floor for additional nominations.

Fred Dunnington moved to hold a single vote on the slate of nominees. Bob McNary seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote; 1 abstention (Jerry Smiley).

Ed Payne moved to accept the workplan and budget for FY2005. TheaGaudette seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passed by voice vote.

Adam noted that the implications are unclear concerning the recent decision by federal court Judge William Sessions regarding the Circumferential Highway in Chittenden County. He explained that a number of regional planning commissions were slated to receive \$40,000 from the Agency of Transportation to study access management on existing highways.

Member's Concerns/Information

Ellen Kurrelmeyer asked if the Economic Development Committee planned to outline its goals and objectives.

Adam noted that the committee had recently distributed a two-page survey seeking input from members regarding goals and objectives.

Neil Kamman asked that specific recommendations from delegates be considered at the next Executive Board meeting.

Adjournment

| **Karl Neuse** moved to adjourn. **Peter Grant** seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Submitted by Peggy Connor