

# Addison County Regional Planning Commission

## Full Commission Annual Meeting

Wednesday, May 10, 2006

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission met at the Blueberry Hill Inn on May 10, 2006 for its annual meeting, Donald Shall presiding.

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### ROLL CALL:

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| <i>Addison:</i>     |                                               | <i>Orwell:</i>     | Andrea Ochs<br>David King            |
| <i>Bridport:</i>    | Andrew Manning<br>Edward Payne                | <i>Panton:</i>     | Michael Hermann                      |
| <i>Bristol:</i>     | Jim Peabody<br>Peter Grant<br>William Sayre   | <i>Ripton:</i>     | Jeremy Grip                          |
| <i>Cornwall:</i>    | Donald Shall                                  | <i>Salisbury:</i>  |                                      |
| <i>Ferrisburgh:</i> | Bob McNary<br>Stephen Gutowski<br>Larry Keyes | <i>Shoreham:</i>   | Jeremiah Parker<br>Elizabeth Pidgeon |
| <i>Goshen:</i>      | Bruce Webster                                 | <i>Starksboro:</i> | Elissa Close                         |
| <i>Leicester:</i>   | Kathleen Swingleton-Ramsey                    | <i>Vergennes:</i>  | Renny Perry                          |
| <i>Lincoln:</i>     | Jason Oleet<br>Steve Revell                   | <i>Waltham:</i>    |                                      |
| <i>Middlebury:</i>  | Fred Dunnington<br>Brian Bauer<br>Karl Neuse  | <i>Weybridge:</i>  |                                      |
| <i>Monkton:</i>     | Thea Gaudette<br>Charles Huizenga             | <i>Whiting:</i>    | Ellen Kurrelmeyer                    |
| <i>New Haven:</i>   | Milo Schaefer                                 |                    |                                      |

### CITIZEN INTEREST REPRESENTATIVES:

*Otter Creek Resource Conservation  
District:* John Chamberlain

*Addison County Farm Bureau:* Kent Wright

*Otter Creek Audubon Society:* Marcia Parker

### ADDISON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

#### ACRPC EXECUTIVE BOARD

**CHAIR:** Donald Shall  
**VICE-CHAIR:** Renny Perry  
**SECRETARY:** Andrea Ochs  
**TREASURER:** Karl Neuse  
Andrew Manning  
Elissa Close  
William Sayre

#### STAFF:

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:** Adam Lougee  
**ASSISTANT DIRECTOR/GIS DATA MANAGER:** Kevin Behm  
**EMERGENCY MGT PLANNER/SENIOR PLANNER:** Tim Bouton  
**SENIOR/TRANSPORTATION PLANNER:** Richard Kehne  
**PLANNER/GRANT WRITER:** Jeffrey Owen  
**WATERSHED PLANNER:** Neil Fraser  
**OFFICE MANAGER/BOOKKEEPER:** Pauline Cousino  
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## Public Program

ACRPC enjoyed an interesting presentation by Dr. Joshua Farley of the Gund Institute for Ecological Economics at the University of Vermont on the basic premises behind ecological economics.

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## Business Meeting

Noting a quorum being present, Chairman Don Shall called the Business Meeting to order at 8:50 p.m.

### I. Approval of Work Program and Budget for Fiscal Year 2006-2007:

Don noted that all had had the opportunity to review the Workplan and Budget at the previous meeting and that the Executive Board had reviewed the Workplan and Budget and were recommending both for approval. **Andrea Ochs moved to approve the 2006-2007 Workplan and Budget; Thea Gaudette seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**

### II. Report of the Nominating Committee and Election of Executive Board

Don Shall noted that he, as outgoing chair, Karl Neuse, as an outgoing Executive Board Member and Ellen Kurrelmeyer, a longstanding delegate from Whiting composed the Nominating Committee. He asked Ellen, as Chair of the Nominating Committee to give the report of the committee. Ellen noted that the committee, after thoughtful debate and in an effort to keep the executive board geographically and politically diverse made the following nominations:

Fred Dunnington, Middlebury, Chair  
Elissa Close, Streetsboro, Vice Chair  
Andrea Ochs, Orwell, Treasurer  
Andrew Manning, Bridport, Secretary  
Renny Perry, Vergennes  
William Sayre, Bristol  
Thea Gaudette, Monkton,

Don Shall opened the floor to other nominations. None were made. **Peter Grant moved to approve the slate of Executive Board members as nominated by the Nominating Committee. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

### III. Adoption of Proposed Amendments to ACRPC's Bylaws.

Don Shall asked Thea Gaudette, Chair of the Bylaws Committee to say a few words. Thea noted that the Bylaws had been available for review for three meetings and constituted the consensus recommendation of the Committee that created them. Don asked for a motion to approve the Bylaws from the floor. **Andrea Ochs moved that the Commission approve and adopt the proposed revisions to its Bylaws. Peter Grant seconded the motion. As changes to Bylaws require a super majority of delegates representing municipalities, Don conducted the vote by role call. The vote passed unanimously 28 -0-0.**

### IV. Awards

The Bertha Hanson Community Service Award. Adam noted that he was pleased to be able to make the

Commission's second annual Bertha Hanson Community Service Award to Pauline Cousino for her 34 years of service to the Commission. Adam noted that it was a pleasure to work with Pauline every day and that he looks forward to continue working with her for a long time to come.

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Don Shall then presented Karl Neuse with a gift from the Commission honoring his 30 + years of service to the Commission. Don noted that Karl was stepping off the Executive Board and not returning as a delegate from Middlebury. Fred Dunnington Rose spoke to honor Karl for his work with the Commission and to praise Karl for his positive influence.

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Adam then awarded Don Shall a gift on behalf of the commission, thanking him for his leadership over the past three years as chair.

Adam also thanked Judy and Kyle Kowalczyk for opening their house to the commission prior to the annual meeting to discuss alternative energy.

Lastly, Don spoke thanking the commission for the opportunity to serve as chair and reflecting on some of the goals he had set, accomplishments achieved and future desires he had for the commission. He also thanked staff for the work that they do for the commission each day.

## **II. Adjournment.**

**Karl Neuse moved to adjourn; The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Submitted by Richard Kehne

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## ACRPC Full Commission Meeting – Meeting Notes/draft Minutes

May 12, 2006

Roll Call: See Adam's Roll Call list

Call to Order: 8:50pm; Don Shall presiding. Due to time over-runs in the pre-meeting activities, Don announced that the business meeting would follow an abbreviated agenda.

- 1) Approval of the Work Program & Budget for Fiscal 2006-07
  - a) Don asked for a Motion from the floor. It was moved and seconded.
  - b) Discussion: None
  - c) Roll Call Vote: yes – 28 ; no - 0; abstain – 0
  
- 2) Don Shall asked for a motion from the floor to open discussion regarding the report of the nominating committee.
  - a) This was moved and seconded
  - b) Don suggested that a slate composed of Fred Dunnington (Middlebury) for Chair and Thea Gaudette for Vice-Chair be moved from the floor.
  - c) Peter Grant made the motion and it was seconded from the floor.
  - d) Don asked for additional nominations from the floor. None were offered.
  - e) Vote: yes – unanimous (based Adam's Roll Call list); no – 0; abstain – 0
  
- 3) Adoption of proposed amendments to the ACRPC Bylaws.
  - a) Don Asked for a motion from the floor. Moved by Andrea Ochs, Seconded by Peter Grant.
  - b) Discussion: none
  - c) Roll Call Vote: yes – 28; no – 0; abstain – 0
  
- 4) Award Ceremony:
  - a) Adam Lougee awarded the Exemplary Service Award to Pauline Cousino for 34 years of exceptional service to the Regional Commission.
  - b) Karl Neuse was presented with a gift certificate for 5 years of service on the E-Board, in addition to 30+ years as a delegate on the RPC. Due to term limitations, he is stepping down from the E-Board and will not be returning as a Middlebury delegate.
  - c) Adam awarded Don Shall a gift certificate for his service to the RPC: including 3 years as Chair. He to will no longer serve as Chair due to the 3 year term limit, though Don will remain on the RPC as a delegate.
  - d) Adam thanked Judy & Kyle for holding the open house to demonstrate the feasibility of living off the electric grid.
  - e) Don Shall expressed his deepest appreciation to the RPC staff, and especially to Adam, for doing such a fine job as Executive Director.
  
- 5) Motion to Adjourn: 9:50pm. Karl Neuse made motion and seconded from the floor.
  - a) Vote: Yes - unanimous