

Addison County Regional Planning Commission

Full Commission Meeting

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission met at the ACRPC office on October 10, 2007, Fred Dunnington presiding.

ROLL CALL:

<i>Addison:</i>	Tim Davis	<i>Orwell:</i>	Andrea Ochs David King
<i>Bridport:</i>	Andrew Manning Edward Payne Mark Pumigila	<i>Panton:</i>	
<i>Bristol:</i>	Jim Peabody Peter Grant	<i>Ripton:</i>	Jeremy Grip
<i>Cornwall:</i>	Donald Shall Ralph Teitsheid	<i>Salisbury:</i>	
<i>Ferrisburgh:</i>	Larry K eyes Bob McNary Monica Tupper	<i>Shoreham:</i>	Elizabeth Pidgeon
<i>Goshen:</i>	Bruce Webster	<i>Starksboro:</i>	Elissa Close Jim Lockridge
<i>Leicester:</i>	Charles Makovec	<i>Vergennes:</i>	
<i>Lincoln:</i>		<i>Waltham:</i>	
<i>Middlebury:</i>	Fred Dunnington Brian Bauer	<i>Weybridge:</i>	Nadine Barnacle
<i>Monkton:</i>	Thea Gaudette Charles Huizenga	<i>Whiting:</i>	Ellen Kurrelmeyer
<i>New Haven:</i>	Harvey Smith		

CITIZEN INTEREST REPRESENTATIVES:

Addison County Farm Bureau: Kent Wright
Addison County Economic Development Corp.: William Townsend
Otter Creek Audubon Society:
Otter Creek Natural Resources: Jonathan Chamberlain

ADDISON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

ACRPC EXECUTIVE BOARD

CHAIR: Fred Dunnington
VICE-CHAIR: Elissa Close
SECRETARY: Thea Gaudette
TREASURER: Andrea Ochs
Renny Perry
William Sayre
Bruce Webster

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: Amy Diller
OFFICE MANAGER/BOOKKEEPER: Pauline Cousino
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Public Program

Addison County Regional Planning Commission's Assistant Director Kevin Behm led delegates through a myriad of websites designed for planners as well as the general public seeking demographic information. Sites and links ranged from how to track specific legislative bills in the Vermont House and Senate, to determining the progress and project number assigned to ongoing or potential construction projects around the state, from the Vermont Agency of Transportation.

"A Few Web Pages for Planners" is available at the regional planning office, which is in the process of establishing a kiosk to accommodate those interested in accessing Vermont-based planning information on the web.

The public program concluded at 8:40 p.m.

Business Meeting

The Business Meeting commenced at 8:45 p.m.

I. Approval of Minutes: September 12, 2007

Andrea Ochs moved to approve the meeting minutes for September 12, 2007; Charles Huizenga seconded the motion.

Under "IV. Committee Reports" substitute "TAC Transportation Committee" with "Transportation Advisory Committee," and add notes from September 26th Executive Board minutes to read: "The TAC devoted most of its last meeting to ranking candidate projects to use the \$50,000 of planning funds ACRPC sets aside each year to promote local or regional transportation projects." Also add "Transportation Plan Steering Committee" with notes from September 26th Executive Board minutes to read: "The Plan Steering Committee has a meeting September 27th to review the draft plan and hopes to distribute a draft at the October TAC meeting."

Minutes approved as amended by unanimous voice vote.

II. Executive Board Minutes: September 26, 2007

No action required.

III. Treasurer's Report

Adam distributed an updated Treasurer's Report (copy attached), noting revenues at 25%.

Thea Gaudette moved to accept the Treasurer's Report; Elizabeth Pidgeon seconded the motion. Treasurer's Report approved unanimously by voice vote.

IV. Committee Reports

Act 250 and 248

Ellen reported that the committee received an application on September 21st from Otter Creek Engineering for a propane distribution facility center in the Industrial Park. The committee will meet immediately following the regional planning meeting to discuss the Lathrop Gravel pit application.

Brownsfield Committee

Brian Bauer reported that work is under way on a second proposal. Adam noted that the initial Phase II at Silver Towers has been completed, and two underground tanks have been removed at the site. Petroleum clean-up funds will now be utilized at the summer camp, which has turned out to be a significant first project for the committee.

Energy Committee

Harvey Smith reported committee members made a site visit to Mount Abraham Union High School on September 21st to learn more about the school's woodchip boiler. Elizabeth Pidgeon added that the boiler consumes \$26,000 in woodchips per year, which equates to 50-cents per gallon of heating oil. The chips are currently purchased from Lathrop's Lumber in Bristol, which substantially reduces the cost of trucking.

The committee is looking for additional promotional projects to include at next spring's Energy Fair. Netaka White, Executive Director of Vermont Biofuels Association, is tentatively scheduled to speak at the committee's next public hearing the last week in October.

Elizabeth also noted that committee members are in the process of preparing links to alternative energy resources for ACRPC's website. On Wednesday, October 17th, Elizabeth and Bob McNary will attend an energy conference in Burlington focused on electricity supply choices facing Vermont in 2012. The workshop will also be offered in Montpelier on October 18th, in Springfield on the 29th, and in Rutland on the 30th. Commissioners are encouraged to attend and should contact either Bob or Elizabeth for more information.

NOTE: Energy Coordinators are still needed for the following towns: Monkton, Panton, Ripton, Starksboro, Vergennes, Waltham, and Weybridge.

Local Government

Thea reported that the towns of Orwell and Monkton have requested regional approval. As soon as plan analyses have been completed, hearing dates will be scheduled.

Natural Resources

Andrea reported the committee would next meet on Tuesday, October 16th at 7:00 p.m. at the ACRPC office to continue work on drafting the water section of the workplan.

Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

Andrew Manning reported that the committee has prioritized projects targeted for the \$50,000 in planning funds. Projects included are: ACTR's bus system; Merchants Row in Middlebury; corridor assessment in Monkton; ACRPC education workshops, water quality and capital budgeting; and New Haven road service management system.

Transportation Plan Steering Committee

Thea reported that the committee has finished the second edit of the plan, and the final version will be submitted to the Transportation Advisory Committee next week, and then to the full commission by November.

V. Joint Partners Report

None.

VI. Delegate/Staff Recognition

Commission members welcomed new delegates Mark Pumigila (Bridport), Ralph Teitstheid (Cornwall), Jim Lockridge (Starksboro), and Nadine Barnacle (Weybridge).

VII. Old Business

Committee Membership for FY07-08

Fred noted that any questions or comments concerning committee assignments (copy attached) should be directed to either him or Adam.

Other

Adam noted that changes to the wastewater rules will be explained at the Holiday Inn in Rutland on November 8th beginning at 7:00 p.m.

VIII. New Business

Presentation of Audit Letter (distributed at meeting)

Adam noted no instances of non-compliance, and an excellent job of bookkeeping by Pauline Cousino, resulting in a good, clean audit report.

PDMC-08 Hazard Mitigation Planning Program

Adam explained that it is time to update the PDMC-C 08 Hazard Mitigation Planning program for workplan (proposed scope of services and budget attached). Hazard Mitigation Plans are important to towns interested in assessing certain FEMA grant funds, which are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

IX. Members' Concerns/Information

Bruce Webster urged everyone to attend VTrans public hearing next Wednesday, October 17th at the ACRPC offices at 7:00 p.m. to express their concerns regarding passenger rail service.

X. Adjournment

Andrea Ochs moved to adjourn; Thea Gaudette seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Submitted by,
Peggy Connor