

Meeting Minutes
Addison County Regional Planning Commission
Wednesday, May 12, 2010

ACRPC held its Annual Meeting at the Red Mill at Basin Harbor Club in Ferrisburgh on May 12, 2010 with Thea Gaudette, the Chair, presiding.

ROLL CALL:

Addison:

Bridport: Andrew Manning
Ed Payne
Mark Pumiglia

Panton: Michael Hermann

Ripton: Jeremy Grip

Bristol: William Sayre
Peter Grant

Salisbury: Bryan Jones

Shoreham:

Cornwall: Ralph Teitscheid

Starksboro: Richard Warren
Jan McCleery

Ferrisburgh: Larry Keyes

Goshen: Chad Chamberlain

Vergennes: Alyth Hescock

Leicester: James Maroney

Waltham:

Lincoln: Steve Revell
Dave D'Allienne

Weybridge:

Middlebury: Fred Dunnington

Whiting: Ellen Kurrelmeyer

Monkton: Thea Gaudette
Charlie Huizenga

New Haven: Harvey Smith

Orwell: David King
Clyde Park

CITIZEN INTEREST REPRESENTATIVES:

Addison County Farm Bureau:

Kent Wright

Addison County Economic Development Corp:

Otter Creek Audubon Society:

Margaret Lowe

Otter Creek Natural Resources:

Addison County Chamber of Commerce:

Andy Mayer

ACRPC EXECUTIVE BOARD

Chair: Thea Gaudette

Vice-Chair:

Secretary: Fred Dunnington

Treasurer: Jeremy Grip

At Large: Ellen Kurrelmeyer
Steve Revell
Harvey Smith

STAFF

Executive Director: Adam Lougee

Assistant Director/GIS Manager: Kevin Behm

EM/Senior Planner: Tim Bouton

Transportation/Senior Planner: Richard Kehne

Land use Planner: Claire Tebbs

Office Manager/Bookkeeper: Pauline Cousino

PROGRAM: Adam introduced our speaker for this evening, Art Cohn, the Director of the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum. After a brief introduction, Mr. Cohn made comparisons between the planning required in his profession, marine archeology, and land use planning. He then posed his most important planning dilemma to the commission; within ten or so years, experts predict that an invasive species of mussel, similar to the zebra mussel, but with the ability to live at much greater depths will reach Lake Champlain. The mussels will threaten all of the marine archeology that has been preserved on the lakebed for the past 200 plus years. What should the Lake Champlain museum do? He then used Ethan Allen's gunboat "Spitfire" as an example to lead the Commission through the problem the mussels pose and the museum, and Vermont's citizens, who own the artifacts, face. Mr. Cohn led an interesting and spirited conversation about the pros and cons of different preservation options. He concluded by tying his work back into the planning the commission does and how those plans shape the future of Addison County.

BUSINESS MEETING:

Thea called the Business Meeting to order to address the limited agenda before the Commission.

I. Old Business:

1. **Revisions to the FY 2009/2010 Budget and Approval of the FY2010/2011 Budget and Workplan:** Adam introduced the proposed amendments to this year's budget (2009/2010) and the approval of the 2010/2011 Budget and Workplan together. He noted that he had presented all the same information at the previous monthly meeting in April. He opened the floor for questions. Peter Grant moved approval of the proposed amendments to this year's budget (2009/2010) and the approval of the 2010/2011 Budget and Workplan. Fred Dunnington seconded the motion. Thea opened the floor to discussion. Ralph Teitscheid asked about the Challenges for Change legislation and whether the proposed budgets incorporated the work of the legislature. Adam noted that the budget reflected our best estimate and had been adjusted down 10% in FY 2010/2011. With no further questions, Thea asked for a voice vote. All present voted for approval, except Kent Wright, who opposed the budget revisions and the proposed budget and workplan.

2. **Nominating Committee:** Harvey Smith noted that he, Alyth Hescock and Andrew Manning served as the Nominating Committee. He then presented the recommendations of the committee as follows:
 - i. President: Thea Gaudette
 - ii. Vice President: Harvey Smith
 - iii. Secretary: Ellen Kurrelmeyer
 - iv. Treasurer: Jeremy Grip
 - v. At Large members: Steve Revell
Andrew Manning
Bill Sayre

Thea opened the floor to further nominations from the floor. No new nominations came forward. Fred Dunnington moved approval of the Slate of the Executive Board as presented. Ellen Kurrelmeyer seconded the motion. Thea asked for a voice vote. The Slate of the Executive Board passed unanimously.

3. **Bertha Hanson Award.** Thea turned over the floor to Bill Sayre to present the Bertha Hanson award to a delegate for their dedicated service. Bill presented the Bertha Hanson Award for Community Service to Harvey Smith. Bill noted that good planning requires a diversity of opinion. Harvey has spent most of his life working the land. He understands its value and the need for a balance between individual landowners' needs and the needs of the community. He brings a valuable perspective to regional planning and is one of the finest people Bill has had the privilege to know.

Harvey gave a brief acceptance speech. He noted that he know Bertha Hanson personally having served with her on the regional planning commission many years ago. Having known her and the good work and leadership she brought to the commission made receiving the award named in her honor all the more special. Harvey thanked all for the award.

4. **Other:** Adam made a brief statement thanking the commissioners for their work during the course of the last year.

Thea also thanked the Commissioners and the staff for their work over the course of the year and looked forward to a productive 2011.

- II. **Adjourn:** There being no further business, Peter Grant moved to adjourn the meeting; Kent Wright seconded. Thea adjourned the meeting at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Adam Lougee
Executive Director