

Meeting Minutes
Addison County Regional Planning Commission
Wednesday, September 8th, 2010

ACRPC held its monthly Meeting at its offices at 14 Seminary Street in Middlebury on September 8th, 2010 with Thea Gaudette, the Chair, presiding.

ROLL CALL:

Addison:

Bridport: Andrew Manning
Ed Payne
Mike Gamache

Panton:

Ripton: Jeremy Grip

Bristol: William Sayre

Salisbury: Bryan Jones

Cornwall: Ralph Teitschied

Shoreham:

Starksboro: Richard Warren

Ferrisburgh: Larry Keyes

Goshen: Chad Chamberlain

Vergennes: Alyth Hescoc

Leicester: James Maroney

Waltham:

Lincoln: Steve Revell
Dave D'Alleinne

Weybridge:

Middlebury: Fred Dunnington
Pat Peters

Whiting: Ellen Kurrelmeyer

Monkton: Thea Gaudette
Charlie Huizenga

New Haven: Harvey Smith
Bruce Zeman

Orwell: Andrea Ochs
Clyde Park

CITIZEN INTEREST REPRESENTATIVES:

Addison County Farm Bureau:

Kent Wright

Addison County Economic Development Corp:

Harvey Smith

Otter Creek Audubon Society:

Margaret Lowe

Otter Creek Natural Resources:

Addison County Chamber of Commerce:

ACRPC EXECUTIVE BOARD

Chair: Thea Gaudette

Vice-Chair: Harvey Smith

Secretary: Ellen Kurrelmeyer

Treasurer: Jeremy Grip

At Large: Steve Revell
Andrew Manning
Bill Sayre

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: Thea opened the meeting at 7:40p.m. and asked Adam to introduce our program and guests for the evening. Adam noted that ACRPC was pleased to be able to put on this community forum on Dairy agriculture with our partners, Addison County Economic Development Corporation (ACEDC) and the Addison County Relocalization Network (ACoRN). Adam noted that prior to the meeting he had asked each guest to think about how they would answer the question. **“What can Addison County do locally to make dairy farming profitable and sustainable?”** Adam then introduced our guest panelists for the evening:

Roger Allbee, *the Secretary of Agriculture for the State of Vermont*;
Ethan Swift and Neil Kaman for *the Clean and Clear Program for the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources*

Marie Audet, *Blue Spruce Farms* in Bridport

Cheryl DeVos, *Kimball Brook Farms* in Ferrisburgh

Mark Young, *First National Bank of Orwell*

Adam noted that our goal for the summit will be to use the knowledge and resources our audience and each panelist brings to the meeting to begin creating a plan to develop multiple strategies to promote profitability and sustainability to the local dairy industry and to create an on-going task force to implement or help farmers to implement those ideas. He then asked Marie Audet of Blue Spruce Dairy Farm in Bridport to begin the discussion. The presentations and discussion afterwards continued for about an hour and a half and ranged widely on a variety of topics related to dairy agriculture and water quality. Kevin Lehman, a volunteer from ACoRN taped the forum for Middlebury Public Television and the discussion is airing on MTV and is available on their website to be downloaded.

9:30 p.m. BUSINESS AGENDA (Please note the abbreviated business agenda):

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

- I. **Approval of Minutes: July 14, 2010** – Thea asked for a motion on the Minutes. Harvey Smith moved the adoption of the minutes of July 14, 2010; Charlie Huizenga seconded the motion. The Commission unanimously approved the minutes.
- II. **Executive Board Minutes: August 25, 2010** - Thea explained that the Executive Board Minutes are provide for information only, and asked if anyone had any questions. There were none.
- III. **Treasurer’s Report** – Adam reported on the Treasurer’s Report dated September 8, 2010. He reported that our cash balance is still strong. He also reported that the monthly statement shows expenditures slightly less than revenues. Adam noted that the Commission’s audit begins shortly and that he expected that once all is settled, the commission will end the year slightly in the black. Clyde Park moved acceptance of the Treasurer’s Report. Jeremy Grip

seconded the motion. The motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved.

IV. Committee Reports:

V. Joint Partners Report :

VI. Delegate/Staff Recognition Project Highlights:

ACRPC omitted the committee reports, Joint Partners Report and Delegate Staff Recognition/ Highlights for the September meeting because of the length of the program. They did however; welcome Bruce Zeman, a new Delegate from New Haven, to the meeting.

VII. Old Business:

1. Committee Assignments. Adam noted that in the package that he sent out for the meeting he had included committee assignments as made by the Executive Board. We have received several late requests, which the board will take up at its next meeting. In the meantime, if you have questions or concerns about your assignment, Please speak with Adam or a member of the Executive Board.
2. Other- None.

VIII. New Business:

1. Confirmation of the planning process of Whiting, Lincoln and Middlebury and approval of the Whiting and Lincoln Town Plans. Thea noted that the local government committee had held a hearing in Whiting and Lincoln and that staff had held a hearing in Middlebury. As a result of each meeting the Local Government Committee recommends that ACRPC confirm the planning process and approve the town plans in Lincoln and Whiting and confirm the planning process in Middlebury. She requested a motion supporting the Committee's recommendation. Andrew Manning moved to adopt the committee's recommendation. Steve Revell Seconded the motion. The Commission approved the motion unanimously.
2. Amendments to Workplan and Budget. As noted in the July Treasurer's report, Adam noted that he had made a mistake in the budgeting. However, he also noted that he felt that he could not only correct the mistake, but also make sure that it did not hurt the financial standing of the commission moving forward. He presented the Commission with a new proposed budget in the packet and asked that the commission be prepared to vote on the amendment at the October meeting.
3. Memorandum of Understanding for Bi-State Park (Handed out at the meeting for a vote in October). Adam handed out a Memorandum of understanding prepared

by the group interested in creating a bi-state park with New York at the Champlain Bridge. He asked people to review it and noted we would discuss it and vote on whether ACRPC should sign the Memorandum at the October meeting.

4. Joint Meeting with Addison County Economic Development Corporation, Adam reminded the Commissioners that as a part of our Challenges for Change goals, we had scheduled a joint meeting with the Board of the Addison County Economic Development Corporation for Sept. 13, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. here in ACRPC's conference Room.
5. Other.

IX. Members Concerns: None.

X. Adjourn: There being no further business, Fred Dunnington moved to adjourn the meeting; Charlie Huizenga seconded the motion and Thea adjourned the meeting at 10:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Adam Lougee
Executive Director