

Meeting Minutes
Addison County Regional Planning Commission
Wednesday, April 10, 2013

ACRPC held its Monthly Meeting at ACRPC's office on 14 Seminary Street in Middlebury on April 10, 2013 with Harvey Smith of New Haven, presiding.

ROLL CALL:

<i>Addison:</i>		<i>Orwell:</i>	
<i>Bridport:</i>	Ed Payne Andrew Manning	<i>Panton:</i>	Jamie Dayton
<i>Bristol:</i>	Bill Sayre Chico Martin	<i>Ripton:</i>	Jeremy Grip
<i>Cornwall:</i>	Jim Duclos	<i>Salisbury:</i>	
<i>Ferrisburgh:</i>		<i>Shoreham:</i>	Colin Davis
<i>Goshen:</i>	Jim Pulver	<i>Starksboro:</i>	Richard Warren
<i>Leicester:</i>	Lynn Bisbee	<i>Vergennes:</i>	
<i>Lincoln:</i>		<i>Waltham:</i>	
<i>Middlebury:</i>	Fred Dunnington Karl Neuse David Hamilton Susan Shashok	<i>Weybridge:</i>	
<i>Monkton:</i>	Thea Gaudette Charlie 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: Harvey Smith
Otter Creek Audubon Society:
Otter Creek Natural Resources:
Addison County Chamber of Commerce:

ACRPC EXECUTIVE BOARD

Chair: Harvey Smith
Vice-Chair: Jeremy Grip
Secretary: William Sayre
Treasurer: Fred Dunnington
At Large: Steve Revell
Andrew Manning
Ellen Kurrelmeyer

STAFF

Executive Director: Adam Lougee
Assistant Director/GIS Manager: Kevin Behm
EM/Senior Planner: Tim Bouton
Transportation/Senior Planner: Daryl Benoit
Land use Planner: Claire Tebbs
Office Manager/Bookkeeper: Pauline Cousino
Regional Planner: Kevin Lehman

7:30 Business Meeting:

- I. Approval of the Minutes:** Thea Gaudette of Monkton moved the minutes of the February 13, 2013 meeting. Fred Dunnington of Cornwall seconded the motion. The Commission passed the minutes by voice vote with all approving.
- II. Executive Board Minutes:** Harvey noted that the minutes were contained in the package sent to everyone and handed out for informational purposes. Harvey asked if anyone had any questions regarding the Executive Board Minutes. Hearing no questions, Harvey moved to the next item on the agenda.
- III. Treasurer's Report:** Adam handed out the treasurer's report dated as of April 10, 2013 (The balance Sheets listed current balances as of today; the monthly budget reflects activity through March, bills completed in March but not yet sent are noted below the budget). Adam noted that our fund balances remained strong. He also noted that as of this point in our fiscal year, our revenues are slightly lower than our expenses. They should not be lower and Adam will watch revenues. However, Adam also noted that the billings that have not gone out for March should exceed the gap between revenues and expenses. Adam offered to take any questions on the Treasurer's report. **Thea Gaudette of Monkton moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Ellen Kurrelmeyer of Whiting seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
- IV. Committee Reports:**

Act 250: Ellen gave the ACT 250 report as follows:

New Applications:

1. On April 4, 2013 AgriMark in Middlebury filed for an amendment to its permit on its existing facility in Middlebury to install a new equalization tank to augment the performance of the existing wastewater treatment plant. The District 9 Environmental Commission has deemed the project constitutes a minor application and shall grant a permit without a hearing unless a party objects.

Approvals or Denials: None.

Other:

1. The District 9 Environmental Commission has deemed the New Haven Storage expansion project on Route 7 in New haven also constitutes a minor application and shall grant a permit without a hearing unless a party objects prior to May 17, 2013.
2. The District 9 Environmental Commission has issued a recess order in the Whistlepig case before it requesting further information from the applicant to better enable it to make a determination under certain criteria.

Energy: No Meeting.

Local Government: No meeting.

Natural Resources: The Committee met the first week in April and reviewed the forestry plan that was the subject of last month's program and also reviewed Phase II of the proposed Addison Natural Gas line.

Transportation Advisory Committee: Andrew Manning noted that the committee heard from Nancy Schulz of the Bike/Ped Coalition. It also spent its last meeting finalizing the Region's priorities for State funded transportation projects. Adam will bring a copy of the priorities to the June meeting.

- V. **Joint Partners Report:** Harvey noted that the partners continue to work on projects together. Ellen asked if we plan to meet jointly again. Harvey noted that we had discussed it, but concluded that we would do so only when we had an agenda that warranted a joint meeting.
- VI. **Delegate/Staff Recognition/ Project Highlights:** Harvey introduced Colin Davis, a new delegate from Shoreham. Colin introduced himself and noted that he was working in the hard cider industry.

Harvey also introduced Jim Pulver, a new delegate from Goshen. Jim works as an architect for Breadloaf Corporation.

Last but not least, Harvey introduced Jamie Dayton, the new Delegate from Panton and Jamie's wife, M'Lissa, the Panton Town Treasurer.

VII. **Old Business:**

Update concerning Vermont Gas pipeline: Adam provided a brief summary of where ACRPC stood in the Vermont Gas process. He also noted that the PSB had held the public hearing on the Project on March 21st at 7:00 p.m. at the Champlain Valley Union High School's auditorium in Hinesburg. It was well attended. Generally the crowd was equally split between supporters and opponents. The Board had set the hearing schedule. Interveners had filed by March 28th. The next item on the agenda concerned the first round of discovery, due April 19, 2013. Adam will work with the Chair of each of ACRPC's committees and the Executive Board to create stipulations and or interrogatories based upon the commission's position adopted in December.

Adam also stated that he and several of the commissioners present in the room from the Towns of Middlebury, Cornwall and Shoreham have been appointed to the working group to help Vermont Gas to avoid making several of the siting errors that occurred in Phase I of the project. That group had been meeting discussing the location of Phase II of the line. Adam noted that it was important for Leicester, Whiting and Salisbury to send a delegate to those meetings if possible.

Other: Richard Warren noted that the Town of Starksboro was conducting a showing of the Movie, "The Summer of Walter Hacks", a Vermont themed movie, to try to help raise money

to improve the belfry to a public building in Starksboro. Richard noted it is an excellent movie only available in this format and encouraged everyone to attend. .

VIII. New Business:

Report of the Energy Siting Commission and the Role of Regional Plans. Adam distributed a draft of the energy siting commission's report on how to improve the siting process in Section 248 reviews of energy generation projects and gave a brief summary of the process and committee that created the report. He noted the report emphasized a larger role for Regional Planning Commissions in the siting of larger-scale commercial generation or transmission projects. The Commission engaged in a discussion regarding the merits of the proposal. Generally, Fred Dunnington spoke in favor of the process noting that the State Energy plan called for exponential leaps in the capacity of renewable generation and we needed a planning process to sort out the types of equipment required and where we would put all that equipment. Jeremy liked the idea of providing advice before the PSB project. Chico Martin opposed the project. He felt it constituted a threat to property rights where the burden substantially outweighed the benefits. Bill Sayre noted that he felt fairness required that all development projects meet the same criteria. Harvey requested that Adam send the Commission's comments to the RPC directors representing the RPC's before the Siting Commission.

Election of a Nominating Committee: Harvey noted that at its March meeting the Commission created a nominating committee to recommend the slate of officers for election at the annual meeting. Harvey continued that traditionally, the nominating committee is lead by a representative that is leaving the executive board and not eligible for reappointment to the board. He also noted other members of the nominating committee are eligible to seek office if they choose to do so. The Commission elected Ellen Kurrelmeyer, Chair of the nominating Committee, supported by Thea Gaudette and David Hamilton.

Ellen reported the proposed slate of the Nominating Committee:

Harvey Smith, Chair
Thea Gaudette, Vice Chair
Bill Sayre, Secretary
David Hamilton, Treasurer
Andrew Manning
Steve Revell
Chico Martin

Ellen moved acceptance of the slate of officers. Jeremy Grip seconded the slate proposed. With no further discussion, the commission voted unanimously to support the slate proposed.

Harvey noted that in addition to the slate recommended by the nominating committee any other commissioner could be nominated for election from the floor at this April meeting, or at

the election at the annual meeting. No one moved an additional slate of officers or an additional nominee.

Annual Program and Event: Harvey noted that the Commission's annual meeting is in May. At that meeting we generally have an informational program and a dinner to thank the Commissioners for their work over the course of the year. Adam announced that the Theme of this year's meeting would be Bristol Works!, an urban redevelopment project in the village of Bristol. We would start with an option tour of the Bristol Works! Campus, return to Mary's in Bristol for social hour and a dinner and our speaker would be Kevin Harper, the inspiration behind the Bristol Works! development. Kevin will tell his story regarding redeveloping the site and answer any commissioner's questions. We will then hold a short business meeting to elect officers, vote on the budget, present awards and adjourn.

Nominations for the Bertha Hanson Award: Harvey also reminded commissioners that the Commission awards the Bertha Hanson award annually to Commissioners that have done exceptional work over their service to the Commission. Harvey requested that anyone wishing to nominate a candidate speak with any member of the Executive Board or Adam

Other: None.

IX. Members Concerns: None.

X. Adjourn: Chico Martin of Bristol moved to adjourn the meeting, Thea Gaudette of Monkton seconded the motion. The motion, passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Adam G. Lougee, Director