

Meeting Minutes
Addison County Regional Planning Commission
Wednesday, May 14, 2014

ACRPC held its Annual meeting at the Red Mill at the Basin Harbor Club in Ferrisburgh with the Chair, Harvey Smith of New Haven, presiding.

ROLL CALL:

<i>Addison:</i>		<i>New Haven:</i>	Jim Walsh Harvey Smith
<i>Bridport:</i>	Ed Payne Andrew Manning		
<i>Bristol:</i>	William Sayre Peter Grant Garland "Chico" Martin	<i>Orwell:</i>	
		<i>Panton:</i>	
<i>Cornwall:</i>	Jim Duclos Holly Noordsy Stan Grzyb Colin Kriwox	<i>Ripton:</i>	Jeremy Grip
		<i>Salisbury:</i>	Tom Scanlon
<i>Ferrisburgh:</i>	Tim Davis	<i>Shoreham:</i>	
<i>Goshen:</i>	Jim Pulver	<i>Starksboro:</i>	
<i>Leicester:</i>		<i>Vergennes:</i>	
		<i>Waltham:</i>	
<i>Lincoln:</i>	Steve Revell	<i>Weybridge:</i>	Ron Crawford
<i>Middlebury:</i>	Karl Neuse Ted Davis Ross Conrad Kathleen Ramsey	<i>Whiting:</i>	Ellen Kurrelmeyer
<i>Monkton:</i>	Thea Gaudette Charles Huizenga Wendy Sue Harper Steve Pilcher		

CITIZEN INTEREST REPRESENTATIVES:

Addison County Farm Bureau:
Addison County Economic Development Corp:
Otter Creek Audubon Society:
Otter Creek Natural Resources:
Addison County Chamber of Commerce: Andy Mayer

ACRPC EXECUTIVE BOARD

Chair: Harvey Smith
Vice-Chair: Thea Gaudette
Secretary: William Sayre
Treasurer: David Hamilton
At Large: Steve Revell
Andrew Manning
Chico Martin

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

6:30 PROGRAM: Adam introduced ACRPC's guest and speaker for the evening, Sarah Tichonuk, a nautical historian and graphic designer with the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum. Sarah gave an excellent program and led an interesting discussion about Macdonough's shipyards in Vergennes and the Battle of Plattsburgh in this year, the bi-centennial of that battle in the War of 1812. Sarah also passed around and discussed the significance of a number of artifacts that she brought with her, both from the Vergennes site they believe housed the shipyard and from the lake bottom in Plattsburgh Bay.

BUSINESS MEETING: Harvey Smith, the Chair, thanked Sarah for her entertaining presentation and called the Annual Meeting to order at 7:30 to address the Commission's agenda.

I. Election of Officers:

1. Report of the Nominating Committee concerning Executive Board Nominations. Steve Revell, the Chair of the Nominating Committee, read the slate of officers proposed by the Nominating Committee as follows:

Thea Gaudette, Chair
Jeremy Grip, Vice Chair
Bill Sayre, Secretary
David Hamilton, Treasurer
At Large:
Andrew Manning
Chico Martin
Ted Davis

Harvey thanked the nominating Committee for its selections and opened the floor to nominations from the floor. Hearing none, Karl Neuse moved to close the floor to nominations and asked for a vote on the slate of officers and directors as presented. Charlie Huizenga seconded the motion. **By voice vote, the Commission unanimously elected the slate of the Executive Board as noted above.**

II. The Bertha Hanson Award. Bill Sayre presented the Bertha Hanson Award for Community service to this year's winner Charlie Huizenga of Monkton. Bill noted Charlie's commitment to the Commission as exhibited by his 20 plus year tenure and work on the Energy Committee and the LEPC. He also noted all of the work that Charlie had done for the Town of Monkton, including Emergency Manager, Constable, Energy Committee member and Planning Commissioner. Bill praised Charlie's constructive and reasoned approach to seeking consensus in Commission meetings as an example of the attributes that Charlie brings to his service in his community and at the Commission. Charlie accepted the award with gratitude, humility, good humor and a short acceptance speech.

III. Other. Stan Gryzb of the Town of Cornwall presented the Commission with a written request

that he represented the Cornwall selectboard had requested. The request is that ACRPC rescind its vote on the Phase II Vermont Gas Project that it passed at its April meeting. Stan noted that he was not requesting a revote this evening, but rather providing notice to get on the agenda for next meeting. Adam thanked Stan for presenting the Town's request. He noted he would review ACRPC's bylaws, but expected that he would put the item on next meeting's agenda. Copies of the proposed motion and of the reasons supporting it are attached as Exhibit 1.

IV. Remarks of the Chairman. ACRPC's Chair, Harvey Smith, thanked the Commissioners for their involvement and highlighted some of the work that the commission, Adam and the staff had accomplished during the past year.

V. Remarks of the Executive Director. Adam Lougee, ACRPC's Executive Director thanked the commissioners for their support and then thanked each staff member individually for the work that they had done, highlighting some of the best projects or work that each had initiated or supported within the last year.

VI. Adjourn: There being no further business; **Charlie Huizenga moved adjournment. All voted in favor. The Commission adjourned its meeting at 8:35 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Adam Lougee
Executive Director