

Meeting Minutes
Addison County Regional Planning Commission
Wednesday, May 13, 2015

ACRPC held its annual meeting at Tourterelle Restaurant in New Haven with the Chair, Thea Gaudette of Monkton, presiding.

ROLL CALL:

Addison:

Bridport: Edward Payne
Andrew Manning

Orwell:

Panton:

Bristol: Peter Grant
William Sayre

Ripton: Jeremy Grip

Cornwall: Jim Duclos

Salisbury:

Ferrisburgh: Tim Davis
Arabella Holzafel

Shoreham: Nick Causton

Starksboro: Richard Warren

Goshen:

Vergennes:

Leicester: Diane Benware

Waltham:

Lincoln: Steve Revell

Weybridge:

Middlebury: Karl Neuse
Ted Davis
David Hamilton
Ross Conrad
Kathleen Ramsay

Whiting: Ellen Kurrelmeyer

Monkton: Thea Gaudette
Steve Pilcher
Wendy Sue Harper
Charlie Huizenga

New Haven: Jim Walsh
Susan Smiley

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:

Diana Carter

Paul Wagner

ACRPC EXECUTIVE BOARD

Chair: Thea Gaudette

Vice-Chair: Jeremy Grip

Secretary: William Sayre

Treasurer: David Hamilton

At Large: Ted Davis
Andrew Manning
Chico Martin

STAFF

Executive Director: Adam Lougee

Assistant Director/GIS Manager: Kevin Behm

EM/Senior Planner: Tim Bouton

Transportation Planner: Josh Donabedian

Land use Planner: Claire Tebbs

Office Manager/Bookkeeper: Pauline Cousino

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6:30 PROGRAM: Adam introduced ACRPC's guest and speaker for the evening, Steve Trombulak, the Professor of Environmental and Biosphere Studies at Middlebury College. Adam noted that Steve has been on the faculty since 1985, and currently serves as the director of the college's new School of the Environment. Steve thanked the commission for its invitation and noted that his teaching and research interests are in the fields of conservation biology, environmental science, and natural history. He spoke about *The Story of Vermont: a natural and cultural history* (the 2nd edition of which was just published this past January), the book he co-wrote with Christopher Klyza. Steve discussed the major themes of the book, about the interconnectedness of Vermont's culture, geography and environment. He spoke about forces within our control and beyond our control. He then engaged the commission in a discussion about those issues.

BUSINESS MEETING: Thea Gaudette, the Chair, thanked Steve for his thoughtful, informative and 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. Andrew Manning, 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
Ted Davis, Secretary
David Hamilton, Treasurer
At Large:
Chico Martin
Diane Benware
Nick Causton

Thea 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. Steve Pilcher seconded the motion. **By voice vote, the Commission unanimously elected the slate of the Executive Board as noted above.**

II. The Bertha Hanson Award. Thea Gaudette presented the Bertha Hanson Award for Community service to this year's winner David Hamilton of Middlebury. Thea noted David's constructive and thoughtful approach to seeking consensus in Commission meetings as an example of the attributes that David brings to his service in his community and at the Commission. David accepted the award with gratitude, humility, good humor and a short acceptance speech.

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Lincoln	Middlebury	Monkton	New Haven	Orwell	Panton	Ripton
Salisbury	Shoreham	Starksboro	Vergennes	Waltham	Weybridge	Whiting



- III. Remarks of the Chair. ACRPC's Chair, Thea Gaudette, thanked the Commissioners for their involvement and grace under pressure and for all they had accomplished during the past year.
- IV. Remarks of the Executive Director. Adam Lougee, ACRPC's Executive Director thanked the commissioners for their support, thanked Thea and the Executive Board for their leadership during a difficult year and highlighted some of the best projects or work that each member of the staff initiated or supported within the last year.
- V. Adjourn: There being no further business; **Peter Grant moved adjournment. Charlie Huizenga seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The Commission adjourned its meeting at 8:30 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Adam Lougee
Executive Director