

Meeting Minutes
Addison County Regional Planning Commission
Wednesday, September 9, 2015

ACRPC held its monthly meeting at ACRPC's office on 14 Seminary Street in Middlebury with the Chair, Thea Gaudette of Monkton, presiding.

ROLL CALL:

Addison:

Bridport: Edward Payne

Orwell:

Panton: Jamie Dayton

Bristol: Chico Martin

Ripton: Jeremy Grip

Cornwall:

Salisbury: Mary Anne Sullivan
Tom Scanlon

Ferrisburgh: Tim Davis
Arabella Holzapfel

Shoreham: Nick Causton

Starksboro:

Goshen: Jim Pulver

Vergennes: Mel Hawley

Leicester: Diane Benware

Waltham:

Lincoln: Steve Revell

Weybridge: Ron Crawford

Middlebury: Karl Neuse
Ted Davis
David Hamilton
Ross Conrad

Whiting: Ellen Kurrelmeyer

Monkton: Wendy Sue Harper

New Haven: Harvey Smith
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:

Kent Wright

Harvey Smith

Diana Carter

Paul Wagner

ACRPC EXECUTIVE BOARD

Chair: Thea Gaudette

Vice-Chair: Jeremy Grip

Secretary: Ted Davis

Treasurer: David Hamilton

At Large: Chico Martin

Diane Benware

Nick Causton

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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7:30 p.m. Presentation Green Stormwater Infrastructure: ACRPC's planner Claire Tebbs spoke to the commission about "green stormwater infrastructure"; what it is, how/why it works and how it is implemented. Claire reviewed the impacts of development on our watersheds and compared traditional stormwater management vs. green stormwater infrastructure and low impact development, highlighting some Vermont projects and how things may work in Addison County's communities. A copy of Claire's presentation is available on ACRPC's website at www.acrpc.org/presentations.

8:30 p.m. Business Meeting:

Thea opened the business meeting at 7:30 p.m. She started the meeting by thanking all of the Commissioners for their conduct at the previous special meeting.

- I. Approval of the June 10, 2015 minutes:** Tom Scanlon moved approval of the July 8, 2015 minutes. Ellen Kurrelmeyer seconded the motion. The minutes passed by voice vote with Ross Conrad and Arabella Holzapfel abstaining.
- II. Executive Board Minutes:** Thea noted that the Executive Board minutes for the months of July and August are in the package for the information of the Commission. Thea noted that anyone with questions regarding the Executive Board minutes could speak with a member of the Executive Board or to Adam and moved on to the next item on the agenda.
- III. Treasurer's Report:** Adam noted that the Treasurer's report dated as of September 9, 2015 (The Balance Sheet listed current balances as of September 9, 2015; the monthly budget reflects activity through the end of June 2015). Focusing on this year through June, Adam noted that revenues are slightly behind expenses. Adam noted that he hoped we could catch up with year-end adjustments, but that it would be close and possible we could end the year with a deficit. Adam offered to take any questions on the Treasurer's report. **Ellen Kurrelmeyer moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Karl Neuse seconded the motion, which passed by a unanimous voice vote.**
- IV. Committee Reports:**

Act 250: Ellen gave an Act 250/Section 248 report noting July activity including:

New Applications:

Energy: Jeremy reported that the Committee had met in July and hosted a presentation on the statewide comprehensive energy plan.

Local Government: No business.

Natural Resources: The Natural Resources Committee met in September immediately prior to the full commission meeting. They approved an amendment to the significant regional resources map, it also looked at scenic resources.

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



Transportation Advisory Committee: Andrew Manning reported that the TAC met in August and awarded the following grants:

1. \$10,000 to ACTR for a study of its permanent transit hub
2. \$15,000 back to ACRPC for the Transportation Plan, and
3. \$15,000 to Middlebury for a study of how to improve Creek Road along the Middlebury River.

Plan Re-write: Karl noted that the committee met immediately prior to the meeting and tackled adding an implementation section to the Plan.

V. **Joint Partner's Report:** None.

VI. **Delegate/Staff Recognition/ Project Highlights:** None.

VII. **Old Business:**

Committee Assignments. Adam noted that under the bylaws, the Executive Board makes Committee assignments for September. The Board tries to appoint balanced and representative committees. A copy of the appointments the Board made is included in your package. Anyone with any questions can speak with Adam or a member of the Executive Board.

Lake Champlain Water Quality: Adam informed the board that he expected to get a contract from the Agency of Natural Resources shortly that would allow the commission to pursue some water quality work for Lake Champlain. Adam believes that most of ACRPC's work will be in concert with our municipalities prioritizing improvement projects.

Other: None.

New Business:

Solar Siting Discussion: Adam introduced the topic. He explained that he felt like two of ACRPC's committees had been going in slightly different directions and wanted the committees to meet to determine the one path ACRPC would follow.

Ellen and Jeremy, the chairs of the respective committees explained that they had met and both felt like a lot of common ground existed where they could work to come to a consensus to create a policy for ACRPC.

Chico, disagreed. He does not feel like consensus exists within the committee to work within the current system. He believes that the system is broken and that ACRPC, especially on behalf of its member towns needs to send a message to the legislature that the process is broken by requesting a short term moratorium on development until the process can be fixed.

Harvey noted that the legislature had not done a lot last session on this issue. He noted that it has established a summer study committee.

Ron Crawford noted that we should be developing both a sensible strategy for intervention and then voicing our concern to our legislators about the systems inability to function properly under the current rules.

The Committees will reconvene to continue their work.

Other: Adjourn: Karl Neuse moved to adjourn. Mary Anne Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Commission adjourned its meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Lougee