

Meeting Minutes
Addison County Regional Planning Commission
Wednesday, October 14, 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
Andrew Manning

Orwell:

Panton: Jamie Dayton

Bristol:

Cornwall: Jim Duclos

Ripton: Jeremy Grip

Salisbury: Tom Scanlon

Ferrisburgh:

Arabella Holzapfel

Shoreham: Nick Causton

Starksboro:

Goshen:

Jim Pulver

Vergennes:

Leicester:

Diane Benware

Waltham:

Lincoln:

Weybridge:

Middlebury: Karl Neuse
Ted Davis
Ross Conrad

Whiting: Ellen Kurrelmeyer

Monkton: Thea Gaudette
Stephen Pilcher

New Haven: Harvey Smith

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:

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. Business Meeting:

Thea opened the business meeting at 7:30 p.m.

- I. Approval of the September 9, 2015 minutes:** Ellen Kurrelmeyer moved approval of the September 9, 2015 minutes. Several commissioners suggested minor edits which Ellen accepted. Steve Pilcher seconded the motion as amended. The minutes passed by voice vote with Jim Duclos and Thea Gaudette abstaining.
- II. Executive Board Minutes:** Thea noted that the Executive Board minutes for the month of September 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 October 14, 2015 (The Balance Sheet lists current balances as of October 14, 2015; the monthly budget reflects activity through the end of September 2015). Focusing on last year, Adam noted he was happy to report that it looks like the Commission will break even for the year ending June 30, 2015. Adam also noted he expected to have a final audit in November. Regarding the current fiscal year, Adam noted that revenues exceeded expenses. Adam offered to take any questions on the Treasurer's Report. **Tom Scanlon moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Ellen Kurrelmeyer seconded the motion, which passed by a unanimous voice vote.**
- IV. Committee Reports:**
 - Act 250: Ellen gave an Act 250/Section 248 report. Ellen noted that the Act 250/Section 248 Committee had met jointly with the Energy Committee to make sure the Commission had a unified voice when addressing solar facilities. She noted the committees had jointly approved two documents which Adam would present to the Commission under the Old Business portion of the agenda.
 - Energy: Jeremy noted that the Energy Committee report was the same as the Act 250 report.
 - Local Government: Thea noted Waltham had requested regional approval.
 - Natural Resources: The Natural Resources Committee met immediately prior to the full commission meeting. They reviewed the implementation steps the Plan Re-write Committee had emphasized for Natural Resources.
 - Transportation Advisory Committee: Andrew Manning reported that the TAC met in September. Josh demonstrated the new VTransparency website, a new tool which allows all Vermonters to look up the status of all state construction projects. Also, the TAC received a presentation of the elements of the new Municipal Roads Permit, which ANR will roll out over the next year to address stormwater and phosphorus in Lake Champlain. Lastly, Andrew noted that the paving on Route 22A was recently completed.

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Plan Re-write: Karl noted that the committee met immediately prior to the meeting and tackled the Implementation Section of the Plan.

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

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

VII. **Old Business:**

Solar Siting Discussion: Adam introduced the topic and the documents that the Energy and Act250/Section 248 Committees had jointly agreed should represent ACRPC's views. The first document is a re-write of the solar siting guidelines that ACRPC had agreed to provide to municipalities, revised to address the changes to the law under Act 56. The second was a letter the commission would send to all solar developers laying out how ACRPC would review solar development within the Region. After a lengthy discussion, **Ted Davis moved that ACRPC approve the documents for distribution. Tom Scanlon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.**

Vermont Gas Update. Adam noted that there was a hearing scheduled tomorrow concerning the Memorandum Of Understanding on cost that the Department of Public Service had entered into with Vermont Gas. Adam noted that he intended to attend, but will not present any testimony.

TDI Update. Adam noted that the TDI hearings are scheduled for the week of October 20th. He expected the application would move through the hearings quickly. He intended to attend to preserve the issue of municipal taxation on the underwater portion of the line.

Emergency Management HMGP Contract: ACRPC has this contract and has started work.

Lease status. Adam informed the board that he had extended the lease on the current building through June 2018.

Other: None.

New Business:

Lake Champlain Water Quality: Adam informed the board that he had secured a contract with the Agency of Natural Resources for \$32,000 over the course of a year 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.

ACRPC FY 15 YE Report: Adam distributed a copy of a year-end report for FY 2015 that ended in June. The report highlights some of the work the Commission accomplished over

the past year. Adam encouraged commissioners to review it and ask him questions about it at the next meeting.

Other: None.

Adjourn: Tom Scanlon moved to adjourn. Harvey Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Commission adjourned its meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Lougee