

ADDISON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
FULL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 12, 2016

ACRPC held its monthly meeting at its office on Seminary Street in Middlebury with the Chair, Jeremy Grip of Ripton, presiding.

ROLL CALL:

<i>Addison:</i>		<i>Orwell:</i>	
<i>Bridport:</i>	Edward Payne Andrew Manning	<i>Panton:</i>	Jamie Dayton
<i>Bristol:</i>	William Sayre Peter Grant	<i>Ripton:</i>	Jeremy Grip
<i>Cornwall:</i>		<i>Salisbury:</i>	Tom Scanlon Barrie Bailey
<i>Ferrisburgh:</i>	Tim Davis Arabella Holzafel	<i>Shoreham:</i>	Nick Causton Linda Oakes
<i>Goshen:</i>	Jim Pulver	<i>Starksboro:</i>	
<i>Leicester:</i>	Diane Benware	<i>Vergennes:</i>	Shannon Haggett Mel Hawley
<i>Lincoln:</i>	Steve Revell David Ludwig	<i>Waltham:</i>	
<i>Middlebury:</i>	Karl Neuse Ted Davis Ross Conrad	<i>Weybridge:</i>	
<i>Monkton:</i>	Wendy Sue Harper Stephen Pilcher	<i>Whiting:</i>	Ellen Kurrelmeyer
<i>New Haven:</i>	Harvey Smith		

CITIZEN INTEREST REPRESENTATIVES:

<i>Addison County Farm Bureau:</i>	
<i>Addison County Economic Development Corp:</i>	Harvey Smith
<i>Otter Creek Audubon Society:</i>	Ron Payne
<i>Otter Creek Natural Resources:</i>	
<i>Addison County Chamber of Commerce:</i>	

ACRPC EXECUTIVE BOARD

Chair: Jeremy Grip
Vice-Chair: Diane Benware
Secretary: Ted Davis
Treasurer: David Hamilton
At Large: Nick Causton
Steve Revell
Tim Davis

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 PUBLIC PROGRAM: Chair, Jeremy Grip called the monthly meeting to order at 7:30 to address the Commission's agenda.

Jeremy welcomed and introduced guest speakers Heidi Willis, Matt Witten and Kristin Underwood representing the Addison County Riverwatch Alliance (the "Collaborative"). Heidi started the meeting. She gave a brief history of the work of the collaborative in Addison County. She noted it started sampling in 1990 on Otter Creek and the Middlebury River. Since that time, it has expanded to 6 watersheds through the Region and samples once per month, April -September. Of the six watersheds it tests each year, four are tested routinely to establish background data (Sentinel Rivers) and two (Focus Streams) are tested intensely. Funding comes from the State of Vermont, 9 towns and ACRPC. Twenty volunteers collect the samples. Matt Witten, the Collaborative's part-time coordinator shares the information the Collaborative collects with citizens and public officials.

Matt took over the discussion and briefly described the work of the Collaborative in each of the six watersheds in which the Collaborative conducts testing and analyses.

New Haven River – Generally clear to Muddy Branch, then have problems with Phosphorus, Turbidity, e-coli and Nitrates below the Muddy Branch. The long-term trends are very steady.

Otter Creek. Phosphorus is consistently higher than desired. The long-term trend is very steady.

Little Otter Creek – Little Otter suffers from elevated levels of Phosphorus, turbidity and e-coli.

Lemon Fair- The Lemon Fair also suffers from elevated levels of pollutants.

Lewis Creek is clear until Pond Brook and then suffers from elevated levels of pollutants below that point. A number of groups have been doing work to improve Pond Brook.

Kristin Underwood discussed analyzing the data the Collaborative generates. Kristin's data is available at www.acropc.org She focused on the Little Otter Creek and the New Haven River. She noted that generally, the Little Otter is lower in the watershed and suffers from more turbidity, e-coli and phosphorus than the New Haven, which drains a higher elevation. Kristin isolated two variables that she believes correlate directly to the condition of the surface water. The first looks at the land cover present within the watershed. Generally, rivers draining agricultural areas with clay soils will show more contaminants than those draining forests with more gravelly soils.

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



Jeremy thanked the Watershed Collaborative presenters for their time and closed the presentation at 8:30. The meeting was reconvened at 8:35.

BUSINESS MEETING:

I. Approval of Minutes. A motion by Tom Scanlon to accept the September 14, 2016 minutes, seconded by Ellen Kurrelmeyer was approved by voice vote. Wendy Sue Harper, Ross Conrad and Jamie Dayton abstained.

II. Executive Board Minutes: Jeremy noted that the Executive Board minutes are in the package for information purposes. If anyone has questions or concerns they can speak to a member of the Executive Board or to Adam.

III. Treasurers Report: Adam presented the Treasurer's Report. He noted we had good fund balances and that our unaudited, but largely completed budget analysis for FY 2016 ending June 30th showed a positive fund balance of a little over \$20,000. A motion by Steve Pilcher to approve the treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Tom Scanlon was approved unanimously by voice vote.

IV. Committee Reports:

ACT250/248 Committee: Ellen Provided a report of the Committee's activities and applications filed and approved since the last meeting.

Energy Committee: The Energy Committee joined the Act 250 Committee.

Natural Resources: The Committee will meet in November.

Transportation Advisory Committee: The TAC meeting was devoted largely to a public hearing on the repair of the Bridge over the Otter Creek on Route 17 in Weybridge/New Haven. VTrans proposed the bridge for replacement under the accelerated bridge program. VTrans expects a 60-day closure of the bridge in the construction season in 2018.

Local Government Committee: No activity this month. Will be meeting in Waltham in November.

V. Joint Partners Report: None this month.

VI. Delegate Staff Recognition/ Project Highlights: Adam referred the group to the bookshelves in the back of the conference room and thanked Ellen Kurrelmeyer for donating

them to ACRPC. He also welcomed Linda Oakes of Shoreham to the commission and asked her to say a couple of words about herself.

Adam also highlighted the Transportation Plan Hearings that Dubois and King are currently conducting on our behalf. He urged all to look at the dates of the meetings, including the hearing the Transportation Board would be conducting in October.

VII. Old Business.

Committee selection announcements. Adam noted that the Executive Board had made committee assignments based on people's requests. If someone would like to be on a committee and are not or would like to switch committees, they should speak with a member of the Executive Board or Adam.

Proposed Bylaw Amendment: Adam noted the Executive Board is still working on changes to the Conflict of Interest Section and will get back to the Commission when it has completed the proposed language.

Energy Planning. Adam outlined the work the committee would be doing both for the regional and town Energy Planning efforts over the next several months.

Regional Energy Plan

1. Receive and analyze statistical data
2. Receive and analyze mapping data
3. Amend data (With Committee Nov. December)
4. Draft ACRPC Energy Plan

Town Energy Planning:

Conduct training workshops

1. December and February;
2. Carve county data into Municipal data;
3. Create Municipal Energy constraints maps
4. Help three towns incorporate data into an energy section of their Town Plan.

Other. No other old business.

VIII New Business

ACRPC Yearend Report for FY 2016/2017 – Adam distributed copies of a yearend report he created. He encouraged commissioners to read the document as it tells the story of the work ACRPC staff does on their behalf.

ANR Water Quality Planning: Kevin Behm explained ACRPC's current water quality scope of work. The presentation made by the collaborative as part of the meeting this evening is an example of the types of programs ACRPC supports.

Time of Full Commission Meeting: The Commission debated whether to move its meeting up to 7:00 p.m. After some discussion, **Karl Neuse moved to move the meeting time to 7:00 p.m. of the second Wednesday of the month going forward. Tom Scanlon seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote with Wendy Sue Harper voting against.**

Other: None.

IX. Member Concerns. None.

On a motion to adjourn by Arabella Holzafel, seconded by Karl Neuse and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Adam Lougee