

ADDISON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
FULL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
January 11, 2017

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>Panton:</i>	Jamie Dayton
<i>Bridport:</i>	Edward Payne Andrew Manning	<i>Ripton:</i>	Jeremy Grip
<i>Bristol:</i>	Peter Grant	<i>Salisbury:</i>	Tom Scanlon Mary Anne Sullivan Barrie Bailey
<i>Cornwall:</i>	Stan Grzyb	<i>Shoreham:</i>	
<i>Ferrisburgh:</i>	Arabella Holzapfel	<i>Starksboro:</i>	Richard Warren Marjorie Dickstein
<i>Goshen:</i>	Jim Pulver	<i>Vergennes:</i>	Mel Hawley Shannon Haggett Cheryl Brinkman
<i>Leicester:</i>	Diane Benware	<i>Waltham:</i>	
<i>Lincoln:</i>	Steve Revell	<i>Weybridge:</i>	Ron Crawford
<i>Middlebury:</i>	Ted Davis David Hamilton Kathleen Ramsay Ross Conrad	<i>Whiting:</i>	Ellen Kurrelmeyer
<i>Monkton:</i>	Wendy Sue Harper Stephen Pilcher		
<i>New Haven:</i>	Jim Walsh Susan Smiley		
<i>Orwell:</i>			

CITIZEN INTEREST REPRESENTATIVES:

<i>Addison County Farm Bureau:</i>	Kent Wright
<i>Addison County Economic Development Corp:</i>	
<i>Otter Creek Audubon Society:</i>	Ron Payne
<i>Otter Creek Natural Resources:</i>	Paul Wagner
<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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7:00 Program: Bethany Yon of the Middlebury Department of Health joined the commission to present the Agency of Health and Human Services 3 > 4 > 50 program. Ms. Yon presented a PowerPoint on the program and handed out material. The PowerPoint is available on ACRPC's website at www.acrpc.org and the program materials are available at ACRPC's office. At the end of the presentation, Jeremy Grip, the chair thanked Ms. Yon for her presentation and noted that ACRPC would be voting as to whether it should join the Department of Health's program later in the meeting.

8:00 p.m. BUSINESS MEETING: Jeremy Grip opened the meeting by introducing the first order of business.

I. Approval of Minutes. A motion by Ted Davis to accept the December 14, 2016 minutes, seconded by Tom Scanlon was approved by voice vote. Wendy Sue Harper, Diane Benware, Jim Walsh, Ross Conrad, Barrie Bailey, Susan Smiley and Kathleen Ramsay abstained.

II. Executive Board Minutes: Jeremy noted that the Executive Board did not meet in December and has no minutes to share.

III. Treasurers Report: Adam presented the Treasurer's Report. He noted we had good fund balances and that our revenues are slightly ahead of our expenses through the month of December. A motion by Mary Anne Sullivan 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. Ellen and Steve Revell initiated a discussion regarding the proposed Dollar Store in Shoreham. Steve expressed concern regarding the fact that its application on only several criteria limited ACRPC's ability to comment and plan. Others shared Steve's concern. However, the Commission was not ready to act further beyond notifying the District Commission of its concerns.

Ellen also stated that Whiting had adopted a solar ordinance based upon the Energy language it had created for the Town Plan and that she was willing to have Adam share the language if any other towns requested it.

Energy Committee: Jeremy reported that the Energy Committee will meet again at its regular time on January 28th at 6:00 p.m. just after the Act 250/248 meeting. The Committee will continue to review the proposed Energy projections from VEIC and the maps as completed by the Natural Resources Committee.

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Lastly, a commissioner asked Adam to look into the current status of Renewable Energy Credits (“RECs) and where and how those could be sold.

Natural Resources: The Committee met just prior to this full commission meeting. It reviewed the natural resource constraint layers that Kevin has created for the energy planning maps for the region and is ready to pass them to the Energy Committee. The Natural Resources Committee also wants ACRPC to be ready to incorporate language in the energy section that supports town level constraints that may not be identified on the regional energy map.

Transportation Advisory Committee: The TAC did not meet in December.

Local Government Committee: The Local Government Committee noted that it had received a request from the Town of Addison for a regional review of its plan.

V. Joint Partners Report: None this month.

VI. Delegate Staff Recognition/ Project Highlights: Adam spoke to the Commission about Thea Gaudette, a long-term delegate to the Commission and the TAC from Monkton who had recently left the Commission for health reasons. Adam stated that he had met with Thea recently and she had told him she had cancer and would be going in and out of the hospital for Chemotherapy treatments for the next several months. Adam noted that he had purchased a gift of flowers for Thea on behalf of the Commission and invited all that knew her to reach out to her to send their best wishes.

VII. Old Business.

Proposed Bylaw Amendment: Adam noted that he included a new proposed Bylaw, including a revised conflict of interest statement, in the packet for the meeting. After considerable discussion, including several suggestions from Mel Hawley for the Commission to consider at another time, Tom Scanlon moved to accept the Bylaws as presented. Ellen Kurrelmeyer seconded the motion. Jeremy requested the vote by a show of hands since a bylaws amendment requires a 60% majority vote to pass. The revised Bylaws passed by a vote of 23-1-1.

Other: No other old business.

VIII. New Business

Vote to Sign on as a Partner to the 3. 4. 50 Program with the Department of Health: Stephen Pilcher **moved that the Commission authorize Adam to sign the Commitment Letter in the package committing ACRPC as a partner with the Vermont Department of Health in the 3> 4> 50 Program. Jamie Dayton seconded the motion, which passed by a voice vote with Kathleen Ramsay abstaining.**

Other: None.

IX. Member Concerns. None.

On a motion to adjourn by Mary Anne Sullivan, seconded by Ted Davis and unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Adam Lougee