

ADDISON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
FULL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
February 8, 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>	Barrie Bailey
<i>Cornwall:</i>		<i>Shoreham:</i>	Linda Oaks
<i>Ferrisburgh:</i>	Tim Davis Arabella Holzafel	<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>		<i>Weybridge:</i>	Ron Crawford
<i>Middlebury:</i>	Ted Davis Ross Conrad	<i>Whiting:</i>	Ellen Kurrelmeyer
<i>Monkton:</i>	Stephen Pilcher		
<i>New Haven:</i>			
<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

7:00 p.m. BUSINESS MEETING: Jeremy Grip opened the meeting by introducing the first order of business.

I. Approval of Minutes. A motion by Peter Grant to accept the January, 2017 minutes, seconded by Steve Pilcher was approved by voice vote. Wendy Sue Harper abstained.

II. Executive Board Minutes: Jeremy noted that the Executive Board minutes from January are available in your packet. If anyone has any questions regarding the minutes, please speak with a member of the Board or with Adam.

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 January. **A motion by Ellen Kurrelmeyer to approve the treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Ted Davis 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 noted that ACRPC had not received any new Act 250 applications of regional significance.

Adam reported that he had filed a Motion to Dismiss the LK Holdings solar application on behalf of ACRPC and Whiting.

Adam also reported that the PSB had separated any future action regarding reconductoring the New Haven/Williston VELCO line from the Greenline project, which put towns like Monkton at a serious disadvantage.

Energy Committee: Jeremy reported that the Energy Committee met on January 28th at 6:00 p.m. just after the Act 250/248 meeting. The Committee reviewed the proposed Energy projections from VEIC and the maps as completed by the Natural Resources Committee.

A delegate asked about Town Energy Mapping. Adam noted that ACRPC needed to produce the maps by April, but hoped to have them earlier than that.

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.

Transportation Advisory Committee: The TAC met in January and looked at regional priorities for state roadway and bridge infrastructure.

Local Government Committee: The Local Government Committee will go to Addison on February 20th to review the Town Plan.

V. Joint Partners Report: None this month.

VI. Delegate Staff Recognition/ Project Highlights: Adam asked the commission to look in the newsletter regarding the Better Roads grants. He noted Josh would be putting together a proposal for towns to apply for class A grants, which he hopes all towns will seriously consider.

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, based upon some of the suggestions Mel Hawley had made at the previous meeting. After discussion, Adam noted he would implement the changes and present the amendments as proposed for a vote at the March meeting.

Other: Adam brought up the issue of water quality planning. While he does not have a concrete proposal before him, he expects that the RPC's will be asked to do a lot more water quality work, prioritizing and developing projects in the next few years.

Also, on Thea's behalf, Adam thanked the commission for the best wishes many had sent her since the December meeting.

VIII. New Business

Nominating Committee: Adam reminded the Commission that one of the changes we had made in the bylaws was to ask for volunteers to the nominating committee in the February meeting. Stephen Pilcher and Arabella Holzapfel volunteered. Jeremy thanked them and noted that the Executive Board would present a slate for vote on the Nominating Committee at the March meeting.

Annual Report to Towns: Adam handed out the report ACRPC provides to municipalities for inclusion in their reports. It is a nice summary of work ACRPC's staff does for the commission throughout the year.

Discussion of Annual Meeting Speaker and Location: Adam noted that we would go back to Basin Harbor this year. He is seeking to get the state Climatologist, Lesley Ann Dupigny-Giroux to speak.

Nominations for the Bertha Hanson Award: Jeremy reminded people to think about who they would like to nominate and inform the Executive Board before its April meeting.

Other: None.

IX. Member Concerns. None.

On a motion to adjourn by Peter Grant, seconded by Ed Payne and unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Adam Lougee