

# ACRPC News



REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

May 2002

## You are invited to a Walk in the Working Forest at the ACRPC Annual Meeting

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission's Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 8 from 3:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

This year we will be taking a forestry tour to help us understand some of the business decisions that create the working landscape around us.

We will meet at the Bristol Town Green in the center of town at 3:45 p.m. We will travel to the Kaolin jobsite on the Monkton/Bristol line off of Hardscrabble Road.

The Kaolin parcel has been logged in the past and is also currently being harvested. Accordingly, we will be able to observe a current log job, past practices, a regenerating clear-cut, and "even aged" and "all aged" managed timber stands.

Our own Bill Sayre and Tom Yager, of the A. Johnson Company, will lead the tour. They will discuss the economic and land use impacts driving or resulting from each decision concerning how the forest is managed and be available to answer any other questions the group may have.

We are certain this will be an interesting and informative program and a nice opportunity for a spring walk in the woods.

After the program, we will return to the Bristol Green and pick up our cars for a trip to Mary's restaurant on Baldwin Creek.

Social hour will begin at 5:30, followed by a delicious dinner at 6:30.

After dinner we will have our business meeting which will be limited to the work plan, budget, Project Impact update, vote for officers and vote on the housing section and amending the Regional Plan.

The program, dinner and meeting are open to the public. As a thank you for their volunteer efforts over the course of the year, dinner will be free to members of the regional planning

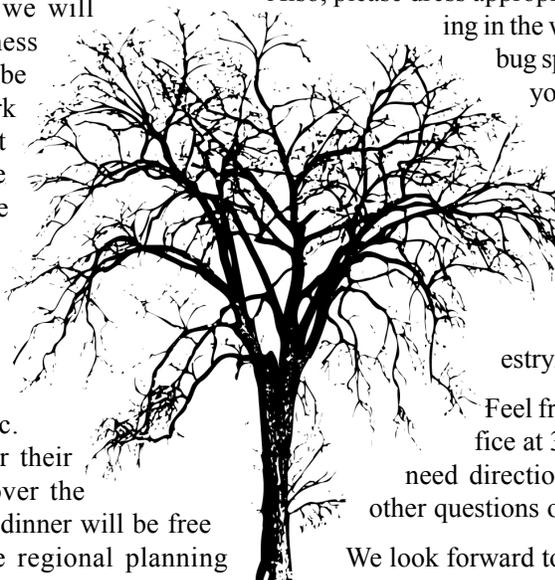
commission and their spouses or significant other. Dinner will cost \$25 for any other members of the public desiring to attend.

Please RSVP so we can try to calculate numbers for the carpool from Bristol to the jobsite and the total number of dinners. An invitation and RSVP are on the blue sheet in this mailing.

Also, please dress appropriately for walking in the woods and bring bug spray if you think you will need it. In case of rain, we will meet in Holley Hall and have an alternative program indoors on forestry.

Feel free to call the office at 388-3141 if you need directions or have any other questions or concerns.

We look forward to seeing you.



May

### Calendar

June

- 4 10 am Green-Up Day. ACRPC Office.
- 8 ACRPC Annual Meeting. Tour 3:45 p.m. Bristol Town Green. Dinner 5:30 p.m. Mary's Restaurant.
- 15 7:00 p.m. TAC. ACRPC Office.
- 22 8:30 a.m. Housing Forum. VFW
- 23 Middlebury.  
7:00 p.m. Wireless Telecommunications Workshop. Ilsley Library,
- 29 Middlebury.  
7:00 p.m. E-Board. ACRPC Office.
- 30 7:00 p.m. Conservation Planning Workshop. Vergennes Opera House.

- 12 7:30 p.m. Full Commission Meeting. Location TBA.
- 13 7:00 p.m. Community Projects Workshop. New Haven Town Hall.
- 18 7:00 p.m. Development Review Boards Workshop. Bridport Community Hall.
- 19 7:00 p.m. Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting. ACRPC Office.
- 26 7:00 p.m. Executive Board Meeting. ACRPC Office.

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# SPRING WORKSHOPS



The Addison County Regional Planning Commission is hosting a series of workshops for local officials and interested citizens.

open to the public. You can register by returning the bright yellow postcard sent out with this newsletter.

There will be four workshops in late May and early June. The workshops are free and

All workshops will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Below is a schedule of the workshops and a brief description of each.

## Wireless Telecommunications

**Presenter:** Chris Campbell, *Telecommunications Planner, VT Dep't of Public Service*

**Time & Place:** Thursday, May 23, 7 p.m., Ilsley Library, Middlebury.

Chris Campbell will talk about and answer your questions on wireless telecommunications. He will discuss the different types of wireless, how they work and what their infrastructure requirements are. Chris will also discuss how communities can regulate the infrastructure needed for wireless telecommunications.

## Planning with Nature

**Presenter:** Marc Lapin, *Conservation Biologist*

**Time & Place:** Thursday, May 30, 7 p.m., Vergennes Opera House.

Marc Lapin will introduce concepts of nature conservation and will discuss the role of biological conservation in the context of community planning and individual landowners' decisions and actions. He will talk about the basic principles for the conservation of native species and natural communities. These concepts can be considered and applied at any scale, from that of the individual parcel to whole regions. The program will also include discussion of how these ideas can best be applied within Vermont.

## Community Projects

**Presenter:** Steve Libby, *Consultant & Project Manager w/ the VT Design Institute*

**Time & Place:** Thursday, June 13, 7 p.m., New Haven Town Hall.

Steve Libby will give advice and techniques for getting a successful community project up and running. Steve will provide examples from successful projects in other communities and offer some suggestions on how to get organized and build support for projects. He will also briefly discuss some of the resources, such as grants and technical assistance, that are available for community projects.

## Development Review Boards

**Presenter:** ACRPC staff

**Time & Place:** Tuesday, June 18, 7 p.m., Bridport Community Hall.

This workshop will cover the differences between the planning commission/zoning board of adjustment system and the planning commission/development review board system. We will discuss the responsibilities of each board. We will also talk about what is required switch from the pc/zba to the pc/drb.

## Addison Region Housing Forum

There will be a Housing Forum 8:30 a.m. to noon on May 22 at the Middlebury VFW. This forum, to be facilitated by John Davis, will focus on housing needs in Addison County.

The forum is free and open to the public, although registration is encouraged. For more information contact Brandy Saxton, bsaxton@sover.net or 388-3141 or Sandi Ruvera at 388-3146.

## Summer Traffic Counts

ACRPC is looking for towns who would like a traffic count analysis performed in their community this summer.

Last summer counts were completed in Leicester, Shoreham and Vergennes.

To request a traffic count, call Garrett Dague at 388-3141.

## Road Safety Workshops

The VT Local Roads program will be hosting two workshops on Safety Features in Road Design. This is one of ten workshops required for the Vermont Roads Scholar designation.

The two dates are May 21 in Rutland and May 23 in Berlin. For more information, contact the VT Local Roads Program at (800) 654-2652 or scollop@smcvt.edu.

## Thank you to ...

ACRPC would like to thank the following municipalities for returning a fully completed "annual update" package:

Leicester  
Vergennes

Monkton  
Whiting

Having accurate and current information not only makes our work easier, but more importantly it helps us make it better.