

## commission calendar

MAY	14	7:30 p.m. ACRPC Full Commission Annual Mtg. Lake Champlain Maritime Museum Program: Underwater Archaeology
	19	7:00 p.m. Utilities, Facilities & Services Comm. ACRPC Office Agenda: Fire, Rescue, Police, Emerg.
	20	4:00 p.m. Economic Committee ACRPC Office Agenda: Development of Goals
	20	6:30 p.m. Green Mt. Forest Local Planning Mtg. Holley Hall, Bristol Agenda: Management of New Lands
	20	7:00 p.m. Local Gov't Committee Leicester Clerk's Office Agenda: Hearing on Leicester Plan
	21	6:00 p.m. VT Biodiversity Workshop Rutland Free Library
	21	7:00 p.m. Transportation Advisory Committee ACRPC Office
	28	7:00 p.m. ACRPC Executive Board Meeting ACRPC Office
JUNE	11	6:00 p.m. VLCT Planning & Zoning Workshop Middlebury VIT Site Home Occupations, Non-Conforming Use & Non-Complying Structures
	11	7:30 p.m. ACRPC Full Commission Meeting Location & Agenda TBA
	16	7:00 p.m. Utilities, Facilities & Services Comm. ACRPC Office Agenda: Fire, Rescue, Police, Emerg.
	17	4:00 p.m. Economic Committee ACRPC Office
	18	7:00 p.m. Transportation Advisory Committee ACRPC Office
	25	7:00 p.m. ACRPC Executive Board Meeting ACRPC Office

Meetings are open to the public.  
Minutes are available online at [www.acrpc.org](http://www.acrpc.org).  
For further information, contact ACRPC at 388-3141.

## ANNUAL MEETING

*at the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum*

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission's Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 14 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

This year we will be touring the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum at the Basin Harbor Club in Ferrisburgh and hearing a presentation from Adam Kane about the underwater archaeological survey of the lake.



The museum will open its doors at 4 p.m. with no admission fee. Adam Kane will begin his presentation at 5 p.m. Upon conclusion of the presentation,

social hour will begin at the Basin Harbor Club's Red Mill, followed by dinner at 6:30. After dinner we will have our business meeting.

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 a guest. Dinner will cost \$25 for any other members of the public who would like to attend.

The dinner menu includes a house salad, fresh rolls, dessert and your choice from the entrees below:

1. Grilled Salmon with Ginger-Orange Mustard Glaze
2. Filet Mignon with Roasted Shallot and Tarragon Sauce
3. Grilled Tuna with Mango Habanero Mojo
4. Ziti with Portobello Mushrooms, Caramelized Onions and Goat Cheese

Please RSVP so we can estimate the total number of dinners. You can RSVP by calling 388-3141 or by email to [pcousino@sover.net](mailto:pcousino@sover.net). Feel free to call the office if you need directions or have any other questions or concerns.

# EMERGENCY BULLETIN

## Mitigation Plans Update

ACRPC's mitigation planning initiative continues to move forward as staff has taken draft mitigation plans to three municipalities. The City of Vergennes and the Town of Starksboro have begun the process of reviewing and editing their draft mitigation plans.

Congratulations go to the Town of Goshen, which is the first municipality in the state to formally adopt an all-hazards mitigation plan. This adoption gives them a competitive advantage over communities without adopted plans in the next round of FEMA mitigation grants.

## Better Backroads Grant

Applications for the 2003 Vermont Better Backroads Small Grants Program are due May 9. Grant money is available to municipalities and local organizations to promote the use of erosion control and maintenance techniques on town roads to save money while protecting water quality.

Two categories of funding are available. Category A is "Road Inventory and Capital Budget Planning", and Category B is "Correction of a Road Related Erosion Problem." The maximum grant request for Category A projects is \$4,000, and for Category B is \$7,000. A minimum 25 percent match is required for both categories.

Applications must be received (not post-marked) by May 9, 2003. For further information, or to request a copy of the application, call Garrett Dague at 388-3141.

## 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 Goshen, Leicester, Orwell and at railroad crossings region-wide. To request a traffic count, call Garrett Dague at 388-3141.

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We hope all Addison Region communities will have an adopted plan prior to that next round. To set up a date for draft plan review and edit by the town selectboard, give Tim Bouton a call at ACRPC.

## Disaster Drill in the Making

The Addison County Emergency Planning Committee in cooperation with local Fire, Rescue, Law Enforcement, Field Days, and Porter Hospital will be holding a disaster drill at the Addison County Field Days site in New Haven on Saturday May 17th.

After developing a disaster plan for the Field Days event last year, ACEPC members decided it would be a good idea to test the system before this year's event. The scenario of an explosion and collapse in the rides area of the fair was developed to test communications, resource allocation, crowd control, and interoperability capabilities of the local 1st responders. Hopefully, over 100 1st responders from throughout the region will be involved and will put some of their most current training into practice.

## Fort Ti Workshop

As part of the planning process for Celebration Champlain, a number of workshops are being held around the lake. The next workshop in this series is a seminar on teaching about Native American and European contact in the Champlain Valley.

Fort Ticonderoga will host a day-long seminar exploring how best to teach about cultures in contact in the Champlain Valley. Educators, scholars, and museum professionals are invited to participate and identify their needs in teaching about Native American and European contact.

The seminar will be held Friday, May 16, 2003 at Fort Ticonderoga. The cost to attend is \$10 per person to cover handouts and lunch. Scholars and Native American educators will offer new perspectives on the past, and small group discussions will offer an opportunity for brainstorming new approaches to school and museum education curricula.

To learn more about the seminar or to receive a registration form call Rich Strum, Director of Interpretation and Education at Fort Ticonderoga at (518) 585-2821.

ACEPC is still looking for volunteers to play roles of spectator/crowd so the crowd control issues can seem more real. Contact Tim Bouton by May 12 if you are interested in assisting as a volunteer.

## Local 1st Responders to Receive Nearly \$100,000

The VT Department of Homeland Security, through federal DOJ funding sources is proposing to fund several Addison County 1st response agencies in their efforts to be better prepared for possible terrorism related responses. Though the likelihood of a terrorist attack in our region is small, most of the equipment slated to be purchased will be available for use in normal 1st response activities.

Congratulations to all successful applicants! Another round of this funding will be coming up soon and ACRPC wants to encourage all 1st response agencies within the region to submit an application for at least radio communications assistance.

## GMNF Plan Meetings

The next meeting to discuss the Forest Plan revision for the Green Mountain National Forest will be held May 20. The meeting topic will be the management of newly acquired lands. All meetings will be from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Holley Hall in Bristol, refreshments will be served. For more information please contact Melissa Reichert at (802) 747-6754 or [gmflplanrevision@fs.fed.us](mailto:gmflplanrevision@fs.fed.us).

## RSMS Program

Funding is available for the RSMS computer program from VT Local Roads for interested towns through September 30.

The RSMS program can help a town assess the condition of their road network, weigh alternatives, and establish long-term maintenance programs and budgets. This program can assist municipalities who have a completed highway structures inventory to inventory their current roadway surfaces and estimate the cost of repair where needed.

If your town is interested in implementing RSMS, call Garrett Dague at 388-3141.