



REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

ACRPC

update

May 2007

commission calendar

May	9	<p>ACRPC Commission Annual Meeting</p> <p>5:00 pm Social Hour</p> <p>6:00 pm Guest Speaker UVM Prof. Frank Bryan</p> <p>6:30 pm Dinner</p> <p>8:00 pm Business Meeting</p> <p>Location: Basin Harbor Club</p>
	16	<p>5:30 pm ACRPC Natural Resource Committee Mtg.</p> <p>Location: ACRPC Office</p>
	16	<p>7:00 pm Transportation Advisory Committee</p> <p>Location: ACRPC Office</p>
	30	<p>7:00 pm ACRPC Executive Board Meeting</p> <p>Location: ACRPC Office</p>
June	13	<p>5:30 pm ACRPC Natural Resource Committee Mtg.</p> <p>Location: ACRPC Office</p>
	13	<p>7:30 pm ACRPC Full Commission Meeting</p> <p>Location: TBD</p>
	15	<p>6:30 pm Middlebury Creative Communities Forum</p> <p>Location: Ilsley Public Library</p>
	20	<p>7:00 pm Transportation Advisory Committee</p> <p>Special Guest: Secretary of Transportation Neil Lunderville</p> <p>See next page for information</p> <p>Location: TBD</p>
	27	<p>7:00 pm ACRPC Executive Board Meeting</p> <p>Location: ACRPC Office</p>

The Vermont Land Use Planning Implementation Manual

So your community has adopted a municipal plan ... Now what do you do?

The *Vermont Land Use Planning Implementation Manual* is a package of 30 topic papers introducing a wide range of concepts, tools, and techniques for helping communities achieve their planning goals.

It's designed for use by planning commissions, but anyone else, including other town boards, commissions, interested individuals, developers, or nonprofit groups, are welcome to make use of this reference as well.

Topic papers include implementing the municipal plan; capital improvement programs; economic development; land use regulations; downtown revitalization; and brownfield remediation.

The package is available at the Vermont Planning Information Center website at <http://www.vpic.info/pubs/implementation/>. In the coming month or two, hard copies of the topic papers will be made available to ACRPC to distribute to local officials.

Also look for more indexing and searching capabilities with the online files at the VPIC site as they develop the webpage.

Meetings are open to the public.
Minutes are available on-line at www.acrpc.org.
For further information, contact ACRPC at 388-3141.

Secretary of Transportation to Attend June TAC

On Wednesday June 20th, 2007, Secretary of Transportation Neil Lunderville will be attending the Addison County Transportation Advisory Committee meeting to discuss local, regional, and state transportation issues. This is a good opportunity to ask questions and express any concerns that you may have. The location of the meeting has not yet been determined, but you can contact Richard Kehne at the Addison Regional Planning Commission office (388-3141 or rkehne@sover.net) for more information.

Model Riparian Buffer Ordinance

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns has created a model riparian ordinance. To download a copy, visit <http://resources.vlct.org/> and scroll down to "hot documents".

Invasive Species and America's Wetlands

Because they are alien to North American wetland landscapes, species like Purple Loosestrife and the New Zealand Mud Snail wreak havoc on the plants and animals that are native to our wetlands. Every year, thousands more of these invasive species are introduced into our waterways, costing us billions of dollars in economic losses and causing irreversible damage to some of our most beautiful and valuable landscapes. For more information, visit www.iwla.org/pow and click on *American Wetlands Month*.

CREATIVE ECONOMY FORUM

Middlebury Area Creative Communities Program

Tuesday, May 15th 6:30-9:00 pm
Ilsley Public Library

- What is the creative economy?
- What does it mean for the Middlebury area?
- What projects do YOU want to see happening?

A public forum on the local creative economy will be held Tuesday, May 15th, from 6:30 - 9:00 pm, at the Ilsley Public Library. This is your chance to learn about how the creative economy joins cultural, community, and economic development in towns around the state AND share your ideas for projects in the Middlebury area.

Your help is needed to address key issues like supporting homegrown businesses, promoting a thriving arts scene, and promoting creative local agriculture. These are only a few ideas. . . what are YOUR priorities?

Dessert will be served!!

This forum is part of Middlebury's participation in the Creative Communities Program at the VT Council on Rural Development. More information is available online at <http://www.vtrural.org>

Get Those Municipal Education Grant Applications In!

Nearly a month after Town Meeting Day, I hope that any new local officials are getting settled in. However, whether you're new or not, I would like to remind you and your fellow officials about a new and easy resource for funding local training and consultations on land use issues in your town: the Municipal Education Grant (MEG) program.

The MEG program provides an easy application process for \$800 toward any local session on land use issues of interest to you and the rest of your peers. And you can multiply that money by combining with other towns. Find out more about the program and training topics at <http://www.dhca.state.vt.us/Planning/MEG.htm>. Remember, the deadline is May 15.

Perhaps you want to hold a session on the essentials of planning or development review. Or maybe you are looking for information on something more specific like zoning bylaws, rules of procedure, or stormwater issues. The MEG can help you bring these opportunities directly to your town.

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