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| 8 | 7:30 pm | ACRPC Full Commission Meeting
Location: Kirk Alumni Center, Middlebury College |
| 15 | 7:00 pm | Transportation Advisory Committee
Location: ACRPC Office |
| 29 | 7:00 pm | ACRPC Executive Board Meeting
Location: ACRPC Office |

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ACRPC Assists Five Towns to Apply for Municipal Planning Grants

ACRPC planner Jeff Owen assisted five towns in Addison County in applying for Municipal Planning Grant (MPG) funding assistance from the Vermont Department of Housing and Community Affairs (DHCA). Working with a consultant, Ferrisburgh also applied for funds to revise their zoning. Bridport, Panton and Salisbury are applying for funds to revise and update their zoning regulations, while Bristol is applying to perform a feasibility study of a site for development as commercial space. Leicester applied for funds to implement an MPG-funded study that was done in collaboration with Salisbury in 2005.

DHCA will announce funding decisions on November 30, 2006.

Municipal Education Grant Program

The Vermont Land Use Education and Training Collaborative is pleased to announce the new Municipal Education Grant (MEG) Program. Applications are now being accepted for grants of up to \$800/municipality to bring training directly to local land use boards and commissions. Applications for the MEG will be accepted any time before **May 15, 2007** and will be awarded on a **first-come first-serve basis**.

For more information and to download electronic application materials go to *What's New* at www.vpic.info. To obtain a hard copy of the application materials and ask questions, call or email Wendy Tudor at the DHCA Planning Division: (802) 828-5249 wendy.tudor@state.vt.us. Hard copies of the application package will be sent to municipalities in late September.

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

Ancient Roads Research and Mapping Municipal Grant Program

The Ancient Roads Research and Mapping Grant program was established in Act 178, an Act Relating to Unidentified Corridors, passed by the Vermont General Assembly in 2006. Grant funds will be made available for the purpose of researching and mapping town highways, trails and unidentified corridors. All Vermont municipalities are eligible to apply. A maximum of \$5,000 (that can be spent over a period of two years) will be available to each grantee.

Applications are due **November 10th, 2006**, and can be downloaded at <http://www.dhca.state.vt.us/Planning/> along with additional information and resources. For more information on Ancient Roads please contact Sue Minter (DHCA Grant coordinator) - 828-3119 sue.minter@state.vt.us.

Please note that there was an oversight within the Ancient Roads application that was sent to towns. An important correction was made to page 2 (last sentence of first paragraph), as described below:

If an unidentified corridor or any other highway or trail does not appear on a town highway map by July 1, 2015, it will be considered discontinued and will legally belong to the owners of the adjoining lands.

Communities interested in the Ancient Roads issue are encouraged to attend at the Municipal Officers' Management Seminar workshop on Ancient Roads, October 24 at the Rutland Holiday Inn. For more information and to register online for these workshops, visit <http://www.regonline.com/moms06>.

Lake Champlain Basin Local Implementation Grants

The Lake Champlain Basin Program (LCBP) is pleased to announce 2006 Local Implementation Grants. Education & Outreach Grants, due **November 15, 2006**, provide up to \$7,500 for projects that increase students' and/or adults' awareness, knowledge, skills, and commitment to key Lake Champlain issues identified in the comprehensive management plan *Opportunities for Action: An Evolving Plan for the Future of the Lake Champlain Basin*. The plan addressed issues ranging from protecting water quality to preserving cultural heritage resources and encouraging sustainable recreation.

Applications and guidelines may be found at the website www.lcbp.org or you may call Kathy Jarvis at 800-468-5227 or 802-372-3213, or email her at kjarvis@lcbp.org.

Elm Research Institute's Liberty Elm Matching Tree Grant

The Institute has street size disease-resistant American Liberty Elms reserved for communities that are serious about restoring their elm native population. For every six 1 to 2 inch caliper or four 2 to 3 inch caliper Liberty Elms ordered, the Institute will donate one 3 to 4 inch caliper Liberty Elm.

Each tree comes with a unique Lifetime Warranty against Dutch elm disease. See www.libertyelm.com for more information.

Cultural Facilities Grant

The Cultural Facilities grant program is administered by the Vermont Arts Council in conjunction with the Vermont Historical Society, the Vermont Museum & Gallery Alliance and the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation. It is designed to assist nonprofit organizations and municipalities in Vermont to improve facilities providing cultural activities for the public.

Awards range from \$750 to \$20,000. Grants must be matched on a 1:1 basis (at least 75% of which must be in cash and up to 25% of which may be in well documented in-kind materials and/or labor).

The application deadline is **October 16, 2006**, and all applications must be submitted online at www.vermontartscouncil.org. For more information please contact Michele Bailey, Director of Programs at 802-828-3294 or m Bailey@vermontartscouncil.org.



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