

ADDISON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
FULL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
September 11, 2019

ACRPC held its monthly meeting at its office on Seminary Street in Middlebury with the Chair, Diane Benware of Leicester, presiding.

ROLL CALL:

Addison:

Bridport: Andrew Manning
Ed Payne

Orwell:

Bristol: Peter Grant

Panton

Cornwall:

Ripton: Jeremy Grip

Ferrisburgh: Tim Davis
Steve Huffaker
Arabella Holzapfel

Salisbury: Barrie Bailey

Goshen: Jim Pulver

Shoreham: Nick Causton

Leicester: Diane Benware

Starksboro:

Lincoln:

Vergennes: Cheryl Brinkman
Shannon Haggett

Middlebury: Karl Neuse
Ross Conrad

Waltham:

Weybridge:

Monkton:

Whiting:

New Haven: Harvey Smith
Tim Bouton

CITIZEN INTEREST REPRESENTATIVES:

Addison County Farm Bureau:
Addison County Economic Development Corp:
Otter Creek Audubon Society:
Otter Creek Natural Resources:
Addison County Chamber of Commerce:

Kent Wright
Bob Feuerstein
Ron Payne
Paul Wagner

ACRPC EXECUTIVE BOARD

Chair: Diane Benware
Vice-Chair: Steve Pilcher
Secretary: Tim Davis
Treasurer: Nick Causton
At Large: Shannon Haggett
Ross Conrad
Tom Scanlon

STAFF

Executive Director: Adam Lougee
Assistant Director/GIS Manager: Kevin Behm
Land use Planner: Katie Raycroft-Meyer
Transportation Planner: Mike Winslow
Emergency Planner: Andrew L'Roe
Office Manager/Bookkeeper: Pauline Cousino
Eco-Americorps member: Benton Wright

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7:00 p.m. BUSINESS MEETING: Diane opened the meeting and introduced the first order of business.

I. Approval of Minutes. A motion by Peter Grant to accept the July 10, 2019 minutes seconded by Shannon Haggett was approved, with a couple of non-substantive amendments, by voice vote with Ross Conrad abstaining.

II. Executive Board Minutes: Diane noted that the Executive Board draft minutes are included in the meeting package. She explained that they are available for the Commission's information, but do not require any action. Upon hearing no questions regarding the draft Executive Board meeting minutes, Diane moved to the next item on the agenda.

III. Treasurers Report: Adam presented the Treasurer's Report. Adam distributed this year's budget through June 30th, the Commission's fiscal year end for 2019. Adam noted our cash flow is fine and ACRPC has lots of outstanding receivables. He noted at the end of the year expenses exceeded revenues by about \$24,000. Adam noted we will have some small adjustments that may reduce the deficit by about \$5,000, but he expects we will end up losing money for the year. Adam concluded he was happy to take any questions. **A motion by Peter Grant to approve the treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Barrie Bailey was approved unanimously by voice vote.**

IV. Committee Reports:

ACT250/248 Committee: Adam reported that the committee had met on September 3rd and reviewed the following applications:

Energy Committee: Jeremy Grip reported that the committee had met on September 3rd. It reviewed the status of the Enhanced Town Plans, reviewed the workplan for the new energy Implementation plan with EV and looked at creating an RFP for CSA's as well as working with ACoRN and CEACAC.

Natural Resources: Arabella reported the Natural Resources Committee met with the ANR Otter Creek Basin Planner this evening. She presented the draft Otter Creek Basin Plan. The Committee will be reviewing the Otter Creek Basin Plan and be prepared to make recommendations to the full Commission at its October meeting when it will receive a presentation of the plan.

Transportation Advisory Committee: Andrew Manning reported that the TAC met in August. It received a report from Dubois and King on an engineering study it commissioned on the Old Town Road Bridge in Ripton and reviewed 6 TAC grant applications.

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Salisbury	Shoreham	Starksboro	Vergennes	Waltham	Weybridge	Whiting



Local Government Committee: The Local Government Committee did not meet.

Policy Committee: Shannon reported that the Policy Committee has completed its review of the comments it received from VLCT's legal team and will bring the Policies to the Commission next meeting.

Economic Development Committee: Bob Feuerstein reported that the joint committee working on creating an Economic Development Plan had received the statistical data it commissioned back from its summer interns. It will use the data to inform the plan.

Housing Committee: Tim Davis reported that the committee had started its work, and will meet later this month.

V. Joint Partners Report: See Economic Development Committee.

VI. Delegate Staff Recognition/ Project Highlights: Adam noted that Benton Wright will start Monday September 16th. Adam also noted that next Wednesday, September 18th at 2:00 p.m. the Commission will be hosting an outreach meeting from ANR on its proposed Transportation Climate initiative.

VII. Old Business.

Vermont 22A Study follow-up: Adam noted that ACRPC, the TAC, VTrans, the City of Vergennes and the neighboring communities worked together last year to develop a study addressing how to alleviate truck traffic within the City of Vergennes without forcing problems on to neighboring communities. ACRPC supported and presented the study findings to VTrans and requested that VTrans work to begin to implement the studies preferred alternative, building a new economic corridor within the city of Vergennes. Secretary Flynn of the Agency of Transportation responded to ACRPC's request noting VTrans would support funding for the next level of study in the legislature provided Vergennes and its neighbors formally requested the support. Adam asked delegates from those communities to support the study.

Energy Implementation: Adam noted that one of our new contracts this year was \$10,000 from Efficiency Vermont to help implement electric and thermal efficiency measures. ACRPC's Energy Committee will be helping to create this workplan which will involve a lot of local public outreach to energy committees.

Other: None.

VIII. New Business

Committee Assignments: Adam noted that in everyone's meeting package he had included a list of Committee Assignments. He noted the E Board worked to honor every member's request. He also noted that that if you did not get a committee assignment, Commissioners may still ask the Executive Board to be included on a committee.

Water Quality Basin Plan Review/Water Quality Service Provider:

As noted above in the Natural Resources Committee Report, Angie Allen, the ANR Basin Planner for this region will be presenting the Draft Otter Creek Basin Plan to the Full Commission at our October meeting. Adam will be looking for the Natural Resources Committee to be leading the Conversation for ACRPC.

Adam noted that lately ACRPC had been doing a lot more water quality work. He pointed to programs like Grants in Aid and the Category A Back Road grants ACRPC had received. Adam noted he expects that trend to continue with the recent passage of S96, a law establishing new "water quality service providers". Adam noted that RPC's are one of the entities the State is eying to take on this responsibility. To date, RPC's have responded that it is work we could do, but have been unwilling to commit unequivocally because of some of the constraints ANR desired to have over the providers. The rules are just being started, so it is too early to tell how this will work out, but Adam wanted all to know this is something that ACRPC will have to address in the near future.

Ed Payne and Paul Wagner both voiced concern about how the program rules might be applied. Both noted a lot of good agricultural practices already underway in the region. Ed noted that the soils underlying the Lemon Fair River and Dead Creek will keep those muddy rivers regardless of any action's humans take.

Other: None.

IX. Member Concerns.

X. Adjourn. On a motion to adjourn by Peter Grant, seconded by Barrie Bailey and unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Adam Lougee