

ADDISON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
FULL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
October 10, 2018

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

ROLL CALL:

<i>Addison:</i>		<i>Orwell:</i>	
<i>Bridport:</i>	Andrew Manning		
<i>Bristol:</i>	William Sayre	<i>Panton:</i>	Jamie Dayton
<i>Cornwall:</i>	Stan Grzyb	<i>Ripton:</i>	Jeremy Grip
<i>Ferrisburgh:</i>	Tim Davis	<i>Salisbury:</i>	Tom Scanlon Barrie Bailey
<i>Goshen:</i>	Jim Pulver	<i>Shoreham:</i>	Nick Causton
<i>Leicester:</i>	Diane Benware	<i>Starksboro:</i>	Richard Warren
<i>Lincoln:</i>	Steve Revell	<i>Vergennes:</i>	Cheryl Brinkman Shannon Haggett
<i>Middlebury:</i>	Karl Neuse Ross Conrad Ashley Laux (A)	<i>Waltham:</i>	Tom Yeager
<i>Monkton:</i>	Wendy Sue Harper Steve Pilcher	<i>Weybridge:</i>	Mary Cullihan
<i>New Haven:</i>	Harvey Smith Tim Bouton	<i>Whiting:</i>	Ellen Kurrelmeyer

CITIZEN INTEREST REPRESENTATIVES:

<i>Addison County Farm Bureau:</i>	Kent Wright
<i>Addison County Economic Development Corp:</i>	
<i>Otter Creek Audubon Society:</i>	Ron Payne
<i>Otter Creek Natural Resources:</i>	Ron Payne
<i>Addison County Chamber of Commerce:</i>	Bob Feuerstein

ACRPC EXECUTIVE BOARD

Chair: Diane Benware
Vice-Chair: Steve Pilcher
Secretary: Tim Davis
Treasurer: Ted Davis
At Large: Steve Revell
Shannon Haggett
Nick Causton

STAFF

Executive Director: Adam Lougee
Assistant Director/GIS Manager: Kevin Behm
Land use Planner: Claire Tebbs
Transportation Planner:
Emergency Planner: Andrew L'Roe
Office Manager/Bookkeeper: Pauline Cousino
Eco-Americorps member: Allison Dinwiddie

7:00 p.m. PROGRAM: Emerald Ash Borer, Elise Schadler, a Technical Assistance Coordinator with UVM Extension's Services Urban & Community Forestry Program gave the Commission an overview on the resources available for municipalities to plan for and mitigate the impacts that Emerald Ash Borer infestation, causing the death of ash trees, will have on municipal infrastructure. Elise gave a list of 5 things she felt all towns should know:

1. EAB is in Vermont and will spread around the state;
2. Municipalities can and should manage these pests to preserve specimen trees and their infrastructure as Ash trees will hit a 90% mortality rate without treatment;
3. Towns need management plans;
4. Inventory trees;
5. ANR has \$40,000 for EAB planning statewide.

The rest of the presentation is available on ACRPC's website.

8:00 p.m. BUSINESS MEETING: Diane opened the meeting and introduced the first order of business.

I. Approval of Minutes. A motion by Wendy Sue Harper to accept the September 12, 2018 minutes, seconded by Steve Revell was approved by voice vote with Tom Scanlon 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 noted that last year ending June 30th is in audit, but should show a slight profit. Adam will bring it to the commission for a vote in November or December. Adam noted that this year's budget through August is in the package. He noted balances were good and that through August, revenues exceeded expenses. Adam noted he was happy to take any questions. **A motion by Tom Scanlon to approve the treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Stephen Pilcher was approved unanimously by voice vote.**

IV. Committee Reports:

ACT250/248 Committee: Steve Revell reported the Act 250/248 Committee spent its meeting reviewing an application by Town and Country Homes and Paulette McNary. The Committee report is in the package. As the Committee minutes reflect, the Committee felt it

needed to review the application for substantial regional impacts based on its location. It limited its review to criteria 5, 9L and 10. It felt the applicant had satisfied its burden under criteria 5 and 10. It was unable to reach a consensus on how to apply the 9(L) criteria. After the report, **Steve requested on behalf of the committee that the Full Commission issue a letter to the District 9 Environmental Commission requesting that it create a very clear record of the facts as it applies to Criteria 9(L) guidance to aid in the guidance's interpretation for this and future projects. Ross moved to support the committee request, Wendy Sue Harper seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

Energy Committee: Jeremy Grip reported that the Energy Committee met on October 2, 2018. It chose 3 new towns to create Town Energy Plans: New Haven, Whiting and Bristol. The Committee will meet again October 15, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. for the hearing on the Regional Energy Plan.

Lastly, he noted that the Committee would meet again on November 6th at 6:00 p.m. when it will discuss next steps for the committee in implementing the Plan.

Natural Resources: Wendy Sue Harper announced the Natural Resources Committee will meet just before the next Full Commission meeting on November 14th at 6:00 p.m.

Transportation Advisory Committee: Andrew Manning reported that the TAC met in September. The main item of business was a presentation from Stantec, the engineering firm hired to lead the Vergennes 22A Truck study, previewing its presentation for the public hearing it conducted in Vergennes on October 17th. The TAC also reviewed TAC grant applications and awarded funding to Ripton for a study of the Old Town Road Bridge and Monkton for an intersection study at Prison Hollow Road and Silver Street.

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

V. Joint Partners Report: Adam reported that he had begun conversations with Addison County Economic Development Corporation about re-writing the Economic Development Section of the ACRPC plan so it could serve as a plan for ACEDC as well.

VI. Delegate Staff Recognition/ Project Highlights: Diane recognized Allie Dinwiddie, ACRPC's new AmeriCorps Service Member. Diane also recognized and welcomed Mary Cullihan as a new delegate from Weybridge. Adam handed out the monthly newsletter. He noted ACRPC has a lot going on again this month. He highlighted the Energy Plan Public Hearing at ACRPC on October 15th at 6:00 p.m.; the Aviation Plan Public Meeting at the TAC on October 17th at 6:30 p.m., and the Public Transit Plan public meeting at ACRPC on October 30th at 9:00 a.m.

VII. Old Business.

Regional Energy Plan Public Hearing October 15th at 6:00 p.m.: Please see Energy Committee Report.

Staffing Update: Adam noted he finished what he hopes to be his last interview of candidates for the Transportation Planner today. He intends to make an offer next week and have someone on board in November.

Other: None.

VIII. New Business

ACRPC FY 2018 YE Report: Adam distributed the report ACRPC filed with the Agency of Commerce for FY 2018 (ending June 30, 2018). He noted it contained a nice summary of the programs ACRPC operates and highlights of the things we worked on last year.

Other: None.

IX. Member Concerns.

X. Adjourn. On a motion to adjourn by Ross Conrad, seconded by Wendy Sue Harper and unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Adam Lougee