

ACRPC Full Commission Meeting Notice
June 10, 2026
Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

Addison:		Orwell:	
Bridport:		Panton:	James Dayton
Bristol:	Ron Dendas	Ripton:	
Cornwall:	Anna Burns	Salisbury:	
Ferrisburgh:	Tim Davis	Shoreham:	
Goshen:		Starksboro:	Herb Olson, Tom Perry
Leicester:		Vergennes:	Shannon Haggett, Cheryl Brinkman
Lincoln:		Waltham:	
Middlebury:	Phil Pedlikin, Melanie Sands, Hugh McLaughlin	Weybridge:	Gioia Kuss
Monkton:	Stephen Pilcher, Debra Sprague	Whiting:	
New Haven:			
Citizen Interest Representatives			
OCAS		OCNRCD	Ron Payne
Farm Bureau		ACEDC	Alex Armani Munn
Chamber		HOPE	
ACRPC Staff	Adam Lougee, Mike Winslow, Jolyon Larson		
Public	Max Korenbaum, Jerry Shedd (Ripton), Fred Dunnington (Middlebury), Ellen Cronan (Middlebury), Peter Mazeine (sp? Ferrisburgh seasonal), David Buzby (Cornwall)		

7:00 p.m. PUBLIC HEARING: The Addison County Regional Planning Commission will host the second of three formal public hearings on the draft Addison County Regional Plan. The Draft plan is available for review on ACRPC’s website [here](#). A complete notice of the meeting is also available on ACRPC’s website [here](#). All are invited to attend and comment on the proposed Plan. For additional information, please contact Adam Lougee at alougee@acrpc.org.

- Jerry Shedd – The target population increases assigned to Addison County are based on faulty assumptions that were extrapolated from COVID years. The housing targets don’t need to be so ambitious.
- Fred Dunnington – appreciates the support for communities and town plans
- Ellen Cronan – Table 2 in the Natural Resources section about agricultural statistics covers the period from 2002-2022. She would like to see similar information for the Table on 303d impaired waters. Have those numbers changed over time?



- Peter Mazeine – seasonal resident in Ferrisburgh. Develops utility scale wind and solar projects. Concerned that the energy goals regarding renewable resources are unrealistic.
 - Hugh McLaughlin – noted that an on-going challenge is storage of energy from peak generation time

Shannon informed the commission that there would be a third hearing as a result of legislative changes. The Hearing was held open until 7:48 PM to accommodate any additional comments.

7:30 BUSINESS AGENDA:

I. Approval of Minutes: May 13, 2026. Moved by Ron Dendas Second by Stephen Pilcher. No discussion. All in favor. Herb Olson abstained.

II. Executive Board Minutes: The minutes from May 27, 2026 were included in the packet

III. Treasurer’s Report: The Balance Sheet and P and L were presented at the meeting

- P&L
 - Adam reviewed the July through December 2025 Statement of Expenses. The statement shows a loss driven by IT expenses, additional consulting services and, most importantly, a shift in accounting so that accrued sick leave was included as an expense. Adam anticipates there will be time to correct that in the second half of the fiscal year
 - Phil asked about the prior period adjustment of \$4k. Adam will get an answer, but isn’t sure.
 - Phil asked for a timeline to get caught up completely. Adam answered that we’ll get to March by next meeting, but he can’t promise beyond that.
- Balance Sheet
 - Adam reviewed the balance sheet. Total equity is down a little bit, but Adam anticipates it will be rectified by the end of the fiscal year

IV. Committee Reports:

- Act 250 – did not meet
- Energy – discussed the regional energy fair logistics. The Fair is Saturday in Vergennes. 18 vendors will be present. There was an update on the Vergennes BESS meeting. There will be no July meeting.
- Local Govt – did not meet
- Nat Res – did not meet
- TAC - The May TAC meeting focused on projects planned by Vtrans for 2026 and 2027, and the ACRPC field work plan for 2026. The June meeting will involve a presentation from Local Motion and an overview of the recently passed, still to be signed, Transportation Bill.
- Housing – did not meet officially, but an impromptu sub-committee discussed ideas for furthering the goals in the regional plan. They would like to develop a toolkit for towns and selectboards in the region to advance the housing goals of the plan
- Econ Dev – did not meet

V. Joint Partners Report/Delegate/Staff Recognition:

- Adam wanted to acknowledge this was the last meeting of the fiscal year and some delegates may not be coming back. He asked if members weren't coming back to speak with him and share their thoughts. He thanked them for their participation.

VII. Old Business:

- Maple Broadband Update – just under 700 active subscribers. Continuing to work through Broadband Equity and Deployment process. Using remaining ARPA funds for expansion
- Regional Plan Update – second of three hearings held earlier this evening. A third July hearing has been added to allow the RPC to address changes passed by the legislature (not yet signed by Governor). That bill repealed the road rule, Tier 2 and Tier 3. Since the plan references those elements of Act 181, the references will need to be adjusted. Adam will ask the full commission to vote on the plan following the July hearing. He emphasized the need for towns to provide the RPC with up-to-date Commission appointments so that vote also can occur.
 - Herb asked for confirmation that removal of Tier 3 would not affect maps. Adam agreed.
- Audit Update and request for Executive Board to Approve at its June meeting with ratification by the full Commission in July.
 - Adam has a draft audit for fiscal year end June 30 2025. The numbers are very close to the documents shared in the financial report. Adam and Rebecca will work with the auditor to bring those together. He would like the Executive Committee to accept the audit so that we can move forward with VACCD and Vtrans in workplan development.
 - Herb moved to allow the Executive Board to accept the preliminary audit and bring the final audit to the Full Commission in July. Anna seconded.
 - Cheryl noted that typically the E-board makes a *recommendation* to approve
 - Phil is accustomed to the auditor bringing recommendations to the board. Adam can invite the auditor to attend the E-Board or Full Commission meeting. Phil and Shannon agreed they would like the auditor to attend both.
 - Motion carried unanimously
- Annual Mailing to Municipalities, appointments to RPC and TAC. Mike reviewed the list of municipalities and partners that have already submitted their appointments. About half the municipalities have provided the information.
 - Ron D. said he was cc'ed on Bristol's response. Mike will check with Andrew.
 - Adam called for members whose towns weren't called to nudge their Selectboards to turn in the information

VIII. New Business

ADDISON	BRIDPORT	BRISTOL	CORNWALL	FERRISBURGH	GOSHEN	LEICESTER
LINCOLN	MIDDLEBURY	MONKTON	NEW HAVEN	ORWELL	PANTON	RIPTON
SALISBURY	SHOREHAM	STARKSBORO	VERGENNES	WALTHAM	WEYBRIDGE	WHITING



- Vote to approve proposed Workplan and Budget for FY 2027
 - Draft workplan and budget were included in the package
 - If members have questions about the budget, the workplan explains the details about the budget
 - Herb asked to talk with Adam about being ambassadors to towns about housing. He wasn't sure how that fit into the workplan
 - Phil noted a request for a column in the budget for actual dollars spent for FY25. Adam did not have the 'spend' numbers through December until very recently, and did not have time to incorporate them into the document for tonight.
 - Transportation is down a bit because the Vergennes PEL Study has finished
 - The CCRPC – RAISE grant for Transportation Oriented Development planning will wrap up this year
 - The CWSP has potential for much more spending, but rather than put that in the budget Adam included a budget we thought we'd meet this year. \$80k stays in house; \$500k goes out to consultants for water quality projects.
 - MARC Floodplain Bylaws works with community to develop bylaws
 - Moosalamoo Master Plan should be moving forward
 - Middlebury College Lands project – Adam is hoping to bring Hannah to the full commission in September to present that project
 - Emergency Management Revenue has been down significantly. FEMA funding issues have affected ACRPC planning revenue but we are anticipating the funds will be available again.
 - Extra money has been allocated for accounting services this year
 - Software subscriptions are down but IT systems and cybersecurity are up.
 - Website redesign has been budgeted. The current platform is dated and we have additional needs with the new plan
 - Phil asked if there was enough in the accounting budget. Adam noted that accounting issues seen in the last year had their origin in the prior year. As we've repaired the system we've also improved it so that moving forward, demand for services may go down
 - Phil suggested that there may need to be a line item to pay for AI services in the future, as those tools move to a subscription basis. Adam noted we have not made any investments in AI yet. We do plan to use it, but we need to develop systems before we do so.
 - Staff labor expenses went down because Adam had added an extra person last year, but ended up using a consultant (Maddison Shropshire) for that work. He has maintained that money in the consultant line item.
 - Also in consultants, there is a line item for consulting services for small water systems around the state
 - There are still four grants available for ADU construction. Eligible construction must follow VHIP guidelines
 - Funding is available for transportation consultants
 - There is a projected balanced budget with total revenue of \$1.86 and total expenses of \$1.848 million
 - Motion to approve proposed workplan and budget

- Stephen moved Anna seconded
 - All in favor
- Other
 - Shannon mentioned a number of proposed initiatives that had been discussed at the Executive Committee that will be brought forward to the full commission at the July meeting.
 - Herb will provide details to Shannon on the Housing group proposal before the next meeting so that can be included.

IX. Member's Concerns/Information:

- Cheryl acknowledged the passing of Kent Wright who represented the Farm Bureau at the Commission. She expressed appreciation for having had the opportunity to serve with him.
- Ron D. shared that Bristol and Middlebury are starting their municipal plans. They've been meeting to talk about how their communities are thriving. He wanted to be clear that their meeting as community representatives, not ACRPC commissioners. They've been applying the Vital Conditions Framework (from the [Rippel Foundation](#)) at the census tract level, and the CDC conditions for communities to thrive. They're identifying interesting items for exploration.
- Melanie & Phil have been having conversations with community members about their roles as commissioners and it has been very positive. Phil reported that the Middlebury Town Manager is making efforts to improve communications with other towns and exploring shared services.
 - Stephen noted that ACRPC could host positions for shared services like a Zoning Administrator or Treasurer to serve multiple towns. Adam reiterated interest in providing the service. He will be speaking to the Middlebury Selectboard soon. Phil noted that even Middlebury has an appetite for shared services.
- Shannon thanked Cheryl and Joe Andriano who are both stepping down from the Executive Committee. And he thanked Anna and Melanie who are joining the Committee

X. Adjournment: 8:30PM