

Meeting Minutes
Addison County Regional Planning Commission
Wednesday, May 13, 2026

ACRPC held its May Annual meeting at the Middlebury Inn with the Chair, Shannon Haggett presiding.

ROLL CALL:

Addison:		Monkton:	Debra Sprague
Bridport:	Edward Payne		
Bristol:	Ron Dendas	New Haven:	Harvey Smith
Cornwall:	Anna Burns	Orwell:	Joe Andriano
	Stan Grzyb	Panton:	James Dayton
Ferrisburgh:	Tim Davis	Ripton:	Jeremy Grip
	Steve Huffaker	Salisbury:	
Goshen:		Shoreham:	
Leicester:		Starksboro:	Tom Perry
Lincoln:	Steve Revell		Rich Warren
Middlebury:	Melanie Sands	Vergennes:	Shannon Haggett
	Hugh McLaughlin		Cheryl Brinkman
		Waltham:	
		Weybridge:	Gioia Kuss
		Whiting:	

CITIZEN INTEREST REPRESENTATIVES:

Otter Creek Audubon Society:	Ron Payne
Otter Creek Natural Resources:	
AC Farm Bureau:	
AC Economic Dev Corp:	Alex Armani-Munn
AC Chamber of Commerce:	
HOPE:	

ACRPC EXECUTIVE BOARD

Chair:	Shannon Haggett
Vice-Chair:	Joe Andriano
Secretary:	Cheryl Brinkman
Treasurer:	Tim Davis
At Large:	Arabella Holzapfel
	Stephen Pilcher
	Harvey Smith

STAFF

Executive Director:	Adam Lougee
Transportation Planner/Asst. Dir.:	Mike Winslow
Director of Operations:	Rebecca Elder
Finance Admin Assistant:	Kerry Dashnaw
Community Planners:	
	Katie Raycroft-Meyer & Danelle Birong
Emergency Mgmt Planner:	Andrew L'Roe
Energy Planner:	Jolyon Larson
GIS Data Manager/Natural Resources Planner:	
	Hannah Andrew

5:00 p.m. Social Hour: A chance for commissioners to speak informally.

6:00 p.m. Dinner: The Commissioners and their guests enjoyed a delicious dinner.

6:45 p.m. Speaker: Kay Firth Butterfield gave the commission an engaging presentation on managing AI in all phases of our lives drawn from her experience and book on AI.

8:35 p.m. Business Meeting: Shannon Haggett, the Chair of the Commission, opened the abbreviated business meeting at 8:00 p.m. by welcoming the Commission members and guests present.

I. Old Business:

Report of the Nominating Committee:

Shannon invited Cheryl Brinkman, Chair of the Nominating Committee, to share its report. Cheryl presented the report by noting that the Committee unanimously chose to put forward the following slate of members and officers to serve on the Executive Committee next year:

Shannon Haggett, Chair

Steve Pilcher, Vice Chair

Tim Davis, Treasurer

Arabella Holzapfel, Secretary

and

Harvey Smith, Melanie Sands and Anna Burns as at large members

Cheryl noted that the Commission also takes other nominations from the floor at this time. No other nominees from the floor came forward. **Shannon asked for a vote on the slate of Executive Board members as presented in the Committee's motion. Joe Andriano seconded the Committee motion. The Commission voted unanimously in favor of the slate of officers.**

Proposed vote to regionally approve the New Haven Town Plan: Shannon noted that the local Government Committee had held a public hearing jointly with the Town of New Haven Planning Commission. **It reviewed the New Haven Town Plan and recommends that the full Commission regionally approve the Town plan. Hugh McLaughlin seconded the Committee motion as presented by Shannon. The Motion passed unanimously by a voice vote/show of hands.**

Bertha Hanson Award: Joe Andriano announced the Bertha Hanson Community Service Award. The award is named for a longstanding former Commission member, Betha Hanson, who thoughtfully served her community, Starksboro, on the Addison County Regional Planning Commission. It is awarded by the Commission to one of its members annually in recognition of their service. Joe announced that this year's winner of the award is Shannon Haggett of Vergennes. Joe listed Shannon's many contributions to ACRPC and thanked him for his service. Shannon gratefully and thoughtfully accepted the award. He thanked the Commission for its service, highlighted work completed and work yet to be done. He also thanked the Commission and guests for their support and wished all a good evening.

II. Member's Concerns/Chair Comments:

III. Adjournment: There being no further business, **Shannon moved to adjourn and adjourned the Commission by unanimous consent at 8:46 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Lougee, Director