

NORTHERN VERMONT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING

February 3, 2016

Location: Laraway School
Johnson, Vermont

- The meeting was called to order at 1:07 P.M. by Tasha Wallis
- Please see attached list of attendees
- Due to the Treasurer's absence there were no financials reported.
- Tasha reviewed the timeline for submitting our CEDS draft to EDA. Our request for an extension was denied, so our Time line is as follows
 - The updated draft will be emailed to all NVEDD Board members by February 10, 2016
 - All Board members will do outreach by sharing the document throughout our respective networks and email any comments back to Karen G by March 10th.
 - Our April 6th meeting has been changed to March 16th in order to approve the CEDS draft and present it to EDA prior to the March 21st deadline, which is also the expiration date of our EDA Grant.
- Minutes of the December 2nd meeting were presented. John Mandeville made the motions to accept the minutes as presented and Jan Marinelli seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.
- Tasha spoke briefly about the website and if anyone has any new comments to please share them with Catherine at NRPC.
- The Board held a discussion regarding future meeting dates as a number of our meetings conflict with the VPPSA meetings, a few of our members serve on both Boards. We decided to hold future meetings (after our March meeting) on the first Tuesday of the month. The schedule is as follows:
 - Wednesday, March 16th at 1:00pm
 - Location: Laraway School
 - Tuesday, June 7th at 1:00pm
 - Location: TBA
 - Tuesday, August 2nd at 1:00pm
 - Location: TBA

- Tuesday, October 4th at 1:00pm
 - Location: TBA
- Tuesday, December 6th at 1:00pm
 - Location: TBA
- Karen Geraghty with NVDA, who has led the CEDS work, gave an overview of the current draft and discussion followed. Karen was commended for all of her work on the document. It was agreed that we may not be able to accommodate all public comments. The focus of any changes/additional comments should be focused on the existing structure and content. All final comments need to be submitted by March 9, 2016 to Karen. Karen will compile and compartmentalize and share with the Board prior to our March 16th meeting.
 - Jan M. suggested we should pull some elements of the text in addition to the SWOT methodology and place them in the appendix so as our CEDS reads more like a story. Some CEDS from other districts read that way. Greg S. endorsed the story format as well. Karen will see what she could do.
 - Karen is also looking for photos to include in the documents. Please send them to her
 - Some additional comments included:
 - Health Care Initiatives should include social services – Greg S.
 - When we spoke of Disaster Resiliency our regional disaster is rolling poverty.

Dave Snedeker moved acceptance of the Draft CEDS based on the Board's discussion. This draft will be used in our outreach activities. Kathy Lavoie seconded it and the motion was passed unanimously.

- Dave S. reviewed the Outreach Plan and who was doing what. Please document all public comments and have individuals sign in.
 - Please include the information in your organization's newsletter and be sure it is emailed to Catherine
 - Please share the document with as many municipalities as you can.
- John Mandeville made the motion to Adjourn