

Northern Vermont Economic Development District

Minutes from October 4th, 2016 1:00 Meeting

Lamoille County Planning Commission

- Meeting was called to order by John Mandeville at 1:13, attendance was low due to a few people out sick.
- Minutes from the June 7th NVEDD Board meeting were not available so and there was no August meeting due to a lack of a quorum. The June minutes will be approved at the December meeting.
- Due to Catherine's absence we tabled the financials and the overview of the Partnership Planning Grant.
- Guest at the meeting included Ellen Kahler, Executive Director, VT Sustainable Jobs Fund and Christine McGowan Forest Products Program Director. An overview of the newly launched Forest Products Value Chain Investment Strategy which is designed to strengthen Vermont's forest products businesses and economy. Conversation focused on the many value added wood businesses that were not on their radar and how we might begin to network those businesses with Christine.
- John Mandeville gave an overview of his outreach to Board members who have failed to attend NVEDD meetings. The suggestion to those in attendance was to give some consideration to who might be strong Board members from your region and bring the names of potential candidates to the December 6, 2016 meeting. We are currently short two board members from the Northeast Kingdom, Lamoille and Franklin Counties and one from Grand Isle for a total of 7.
 - Not sure of the process, we will need to review the Bylaws.
- We still need to have the discussion re: what level of NVEDD support/endorsement will the Board give EDA applications if any. This was tabled until we had better attendance.

- The Board took a moment before adjourning to discuss future discussions/presentations for future Board meetings. Some topics included:
 - Lamoille Valley Rail Trail
 - Creative Economy update
 - Farm to Plate update from Erica Cambell
 - NRBC Six Year overview and the upcoming grant cycle Jared Duval
 - Energy

Motion to adjourn at 2:45 was made by John Mandeville and seconded by Tim S