

NORTHERN VERMONT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING

Location: Lamoille County Regional Planning Commission

April 4, 2017

- John Mandeville called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.
- Please see attached list of attendees
- Introductions of new Board Members who gave a brief bio and we had one guest Chris Saunders from Senator Leahy's office.
- An electronic vote was held to approve Amy Robinson to fill a Board seat. We confirmed the vote with an official vote. A motion to approve Amy was made by Catherine seconded by Jan. The motion passed unanimously.
- A motion to accept the minutes of the February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 was made by Jan and seconded by Greg. The motion passed unanimously.
- Catherine gave an overview of the status of the EDA funds. No vote was required.
- Brett Long (ACCD) was unable to attend the meeting so Chris Saunders gave an overview
  - Current NBRC funding is at \$7.5 million of which \$1.8 million is allocated to Vermont.
  - Senator Leahy is pushing for a \$10 million allocation in the next budget.
  - Catherine discussed potential infrastructure program.
- As part of the NVEDD work plan EDA funding supports Regional Energy Plans being created by Regional Planning Commission.
  - At the Public Service Board level these plans will be given substantial deference.
  - The NRPC plan is nearly complete.
  - Catherine gave an overview of their siting maps
    - The site plans looked at three different aspects
      1. Location of three infrastructures for the purpose connecting to the grid.
      2. Where are the (Natural) resources and where restraints are.
      3. The last site plan showed recommended siting locations for wind/solar.
- Matthew Suchodolski from EDA arrived at 1:55.
  - Matthew stated EDA was still in business and accepting grants what would be placed in the pipeline.

- Dave Snedeker gave an overview of the Vermont-Quebec Initiative and funding received from NBRC. Activities included:
  - B@B networking activity at Jay Peak
  - Currently working with five Canadian firms
- Tim gave an overview of his Cross-Border activities, which include:
  - Canadian networking events
  - I-89 discussions
  - Cross-Border activities map
  - Tim reviewed upcoming meeting dates
    - Tuesday, June 6
    - Tuesday August 1
    - Tuesday October 3
- Regarding the CEDS Agenda
  - The Board will need to review the NVEDD Bylaws now that we are up and running for 18 months.
  - Discussed the Annual Report and its requirements
- The motion to adjourn was made at 2:25 by Greg seconded by John Mandeville.

Respectfully,

Tim Smith