

- Meeting called to order at 1:04 PM by co-chair Pat Ripley
- Introductions were held
- Motion to accept minutes Jim L and Tasha passed unanimously.
- Katie Buckley VLCT updated the Board on the ARPA community money, 275 communities have agreed to accept the money. There are two metro communities Burlington and South Burlington, \$58 m. to communities and \$121 m to counties to be divided up to towns. VLCT working with all of the RPCs.

Eligible uses:

- Revenue replacement
- Affected workers
- Water/wastewater
- Public health emergencies.
- Negative economic impact

Three years to obligate funds. Katie opened up the conversation for Q & A. There is a whole process that is in the works, the common message is everyone needs to be patient. There is a dedicated ARPA page on the VLCT website.

Seth gave an overview of the EDA COVID Recovery Plan. The plan starts out an overview of the project and then focuses on the 12 priorities for the region. Christine M. asked about the number of priorities and how the plan got to that point. Marty F. asked about how the plan will be utilized. Seth commented that it would/could be used as a work plan as we move forward. Catherine shared that the document could be used to support efforts on a systemwide basis and in discussions with the State. What are the next steps?

Tim presented the status of the Board membership and asked what the suggested number of representatives is for each region. The consensus was to shoot for 7 but not limit it to that number.

- Legislative Updates
  - Chris Sanders updated the Board on the Infrastructure Bill. Initial estimates for transportation funding for Vermont would be 1.6 billion, Vermont broadband funding would be approximately \$100 million. One time lump sum of \$150 million to be spent by the NBRC. One time money available until spent. Chris also updated the Board on earmarks that the Senator is endorsing.
  - Fauna Hurley from Congressman Welch's office touch on projects selected for earmarks in the upcoming budgets. The Congressman has also been in discussion re: the Canadian border still being closed.
  - NBRC is reviewing applications and are preparing to release the projects that were successful.

- EDA update given by Mathew Suchdowski shared their website showcasing a number of programs that could assist the NVEDD region. Any individuals who would like additional information should check out the EDA website. There are a series of program specific webinars, the schedule can be found on the EDA website and all webinars are being recorded.
- Bylaws Ad Hoc Andy, Pat, Paul, Tasha, Tim Mathew shared some examples for the review. First meeting in September, Tasha will take the lead.
- Next meetings will be held Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and Tuesday December 7<sup>th</sup>. As of now both meetings will be in Zoom format and held at 1:00
- Suggestions for presentation topics: LVRT/Mountain Bike statewide trail, VLCT updates.
- Paul Tasha to adjourn at 2:24, motion passes unanimously.