

Southern Vermont Communication District Board

Draft Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2021

Table 1 Roll Call

Town Name	Representative Name	Voting = V Present = P Absent = A	Alternate Name	Voting = V Present = P Absent = A	2 nd Alternate Name	Voting = V Present = P Absent = A
Arlington	Cynthia Browning	A	Matt Bykowski	A		
Bennington	Eric Hatch	A	Ron Dubreul	A	Beth Hardesty	A
Dorset	Mike Chase	V	Jim Salsgiver	A	Mike Oltedal	A
Landgrove	Jim Swartzentruber	A	Susan Lenox	A		
Londonderry	Jeff Such	V	John Hankin	A		
Manchester	Terrence Dorsey	V	Kathleen James	A		
Pownal	Caitlin Randall	A	Karlan Eberhardt	V		
Peru	Alex Sheets	A	Peter Bradford	A		
Rupert	Bill Meyer	A	Jed Ruben	V	Charles Rockwell	A
Sandgate	Sheila Kearns	A	Betsy Rathbun-Gunn	A		
Shaftsbury	Tim Scoggins	V	Michael Corey	P	James Salerno	A
Sunderland	Mark Hyde	V	Andrew McKeever	P		
Woodford	Michael Charette	A				

1. Call to order

Tim Scoggins called the meeting to order at 6:03pm

2. Roll Call

Tim Scoggins conducted roll call; a quorum of the Board was present.

Also present: Jonathan Cooper (BCRC), Callie Fishburn (BCRC), Ebrahim Ghazali

3. Conflict of Interest

Tim Scoggins asked if there were any conflicts of interest with anything appearing on the agenda. There were none.

4. Announcements

Jeff Such announced that Winhall voted to join the District. The new Representative is Fred Schwacke. Tim Scoggins announced that Londonderry has added another alternate John Hankin.

5. Public Comment

None

6. NDA – Consolidated Communication Incorporated (CCI)

Tim Scoggins talked about getting an NDA in place with CCI. He said a document had been circulated. The attorney reviewed the NDA and made a few edits to address concerns regarding confidentiality.

7. Executive Session

Bill Meyer moved to enter executive session to discuss a contract, seconded by Karlan Eberhardt. Motion passed. Tim Scoggins invited Jonathan Cooper and Callie Fishburn to join the executive session. No objections. The Board returned from executive session.

Mark Hyde moved to enter the edited NDA with CCI subject to further attorney review, allowing the chair Tim Scoggins to sign the document, seconded by Karlan Eberhardt. Motion passed, unanimous.

8. Insurance

Tim Scoggins said insurance needs to be purchased so certain grants can be applied for. Jeff Such shared with the Board online the insurance quote from Telecom Insurance, it came in just under \$3,000. The proposal is double what was budgeted and that line item is being updated. Jeff Such answered questions from the Board. Mark Hyde moved to authorize spending up to \$3,500 for insurance and to further investigate the question of umbrella liability, seconded by Mike Chase. Motion passed, unanimous. Jeff Such moved to allow the Chair to enter into the insurance contract on behalf of the Board, seconded by Mark Hyde. Motion passed, unanimous.

9. Early Transition of Chair

Tim Scoggins would like to step down at this time. The Board will discuss and elect new positions at the next scheduled meeting.

10. Executive Committee

Tim Scoggins talked about formally creating an Executive Committee. Mark Hyde added everything needs to start moving faster. Tim Scoggins asked what powers the Executive Committee would need. The Board discussed the structure of an Executive Committee roles and responsibilities. Tim Scoggins suggested to run the Executive Committee sub-group by the attorney to verify open meeting law requirements. Mark Hyde encouraged all members to be

prepared to make decisions. Mark Hyde requested to increasing the frequency of meetings. The Board discussed open meeting law requirements. The Board will continue discussions around increasing frequency of meetings at the next scheduled meeting.

11. MOU (Memorandum of Understanding)

Jeff Such reported that DVFiber authorized execution of the MOU. Jeff Such answered questions from the Board.

12. Adjournment

Mark Hyde moved to adjourn, seconded by Karlan Eberhardt. Motion passed, unanimous.
Meeting adjourned.