

Southern Vermont Communications Union District

Draft Meeting Minutes

May 25, 2022

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	Jamie Paustian	A		
Bennington	Eric Hatch	V	Ron Dubreuil	A	Beth Hardesty	A
Dorset	Mike Chase	A	Jim Salsgiver	A	Bob Meszaros	A
Landgrove	Jim Swartzentruber	A	Susan Lenox	V		
Londonderry	John Hankin	A				
Manchester	Terrence Dorsey	A	Kathleen James	A		
Peru	Ben Foltz	A	Peter Bradford	A		
Pownal	Caitlin Randall	A	Karlan Eberhardt	A		
Rupert	Bill Meyer	V	Jed Rubin	P	Arlene Bentley	P
Sandgate	Sheila Kearns	V	Betsy Rathbun-Gunn	A	Logan Weurslin	A
Shaftsbury	Tim Scoggins	V	Michael Corey	P	James Salerno	A
Sunderland	Andrew McKeever	A				
Winhall	Fred Schwacke	A				
Woodford		A				

Also present: Jonathan Cooper and Callie Fishburn (BCRC)

1. Call to order
The chair called the meeting to order at 6:05PM.
2. Roll call
Callie Fishburn took role. A quorum of the board was not present
3. Conflict of interest
None
4. Additions to or deletions from the agenda [1 V.S.A. § 312]
5. Review and approval of draft minutes: [May 11, 2022](#)
Postponed due to lack of quorum
6. Public comments

None

7. Announcements

None

8. Organizational Meeting – Election of Officers

Postponed due to lack of quorum

9. Update on discussions with CCI and VCBB

The executive committee, Jonathan Cooper, and CCI met with VCBB to preview the Act 71 eligibility application with them and get answers to clarifying questions. The only obstacle now is the “hardest 100” which is actually a list of 127 addresses that need to be cleared as eligible or not using GMP data. Any camps that are on the electric grid are eligible to be served. The CUD will need to plan for how these addresses will be served by 100/100. Once the eligibility application is submitted, it will be reviewed by VCBB staff, and if the requirements are met, the CUD can submit a full application for VCBB board review. The initial preview of the application was well-received by VCBB and there are unlikely to be significant issues.

Review of 3-Phase CCI Buildout:

Phase 1: Funded by CCI through RDOF and will cover Bennington, Woodford, Glastenbury and most of Shaftsbury. Expected to be finished by the end of the year. Work has already begun and CCI is ahead of schedule. A press event is being planned to kick off Phase 1.

Phase 2: Construction to begin in 2023 and will cover the rest of the SoVT CUD territory except the hardest 100. By the end of this phase 98% of the CUD service area will be served.

Phase 3: Buildout to the hardest 100 addresses.

Fidium is the product that people will be signing up for, and CCI expects to have business services available by the end of the year. Pricing is now public as well.

10. Review of Google Accounts

Board members were given sovtcud.net email addresses, many of which are not being used. The CUD only pays licenses for the officer emails. Having a CUD email address (or a Gmail address) gives easier access to the confidential drive. Email addresses can easily be deactivated or reactivated.

11. Other business

Motion to adjourn by Bill Meyer, seconded by Tim Scoggins. Passed unanimously.