

Southern Vermont Communications Union District

Draft Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2022

Town Name	Representative Name	Voting = V Present = P Absent = A	Alternate Name	Voting = V Present = P Absent = A	2 <sup>nd</sup> 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	V	Jim Salsgiver	P	Bob Meszaros	A
Landgrove	Jim Swartzentruber	A	Susan Lenox	V		
Londonderry	John Hankin	V				
Manchester	Terrence Dorsey	V	Kathleen James	A		
Peru	Ben Foltz	A	Peter Bradford	A		
Pownal	Caitlin Randall	√	Karlan Eberhardt	P		
Rupert	Bill Meyer	V	Jed Rubin	P	Arlene Bentley	P
Sandgate	Sheila Kearns	V	Betsy Rathbun-Gunn	A	Logan Weurslin	P
Shaftsbury	Tim Scoggins	V	Michael Corey	P	James Salerno	A
Sunderland	Andrew McKeever	V				
Winhall	Fred Schwacke	V				
Woodford						

Also present: Stacey Trudo, Erik Garr, Mary Ellen Player, Brian Lim (CCI), Callie Fishburn (BCRC), Al Bashevkin (treasurer)

1. Call to order  
The chair called the meeting to order at 6:02PM.
2. Roll call  
Callie Fishburn took role. A quorum of the board was present.
3. Conflict of interest  
None
4. Additions to or deletions from the agenda [1 V.S.A. § 312]  
None
5. Review and approval of draft minutes from June 22, 2022

Motion to approve the minutes by Sheila Kearns, seconded by Tim Scoggins. Passed unanimously.

6. Public comments

None

7. Announcements

Callie Fishburn announced that staff from CCI will be presenting at the BCRC July meeting, and the CUD governing board is welcome to attend.

Eric Hatch introduced staff from CCI to the governing board and announced that CCI will be doing door knocks in Bennington to sign people up for Fidium, and board members are welcome to join.

8. VCBB Application Update

The Act 71 Construction Grant application is almost ready to submit to VCBB. If awarded, it will fund Phase 2A of the buildout in the CUD's territory. The CUD has been in talks with other internet service providers to get the "hardest 20" addresses covered, which is one of the final tasks being wrapped up for the application along with the contract.

9. Review of CCI Contract

Eric Hatch presented the contract to the board. The contract is currently a draft and has been reviewed by legal representatives for both the CUD and CCI. The governing board will need to approve the contract before the VCBB application can be submitted. A special meeting will be held next week to approve the contract after the CUD board has had the chance to review it. The contract specifies that the CUD will own everything that they have funded.

10. Other business

None

Motion to adjourn by Andrew McKeever, seconded by Sheila Kearns. Passed unanimously.