

Southern Vermont Communications Union District

Draft Meeting Minutes

November 9, 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	V	Jim Salsgiver	A	Bob Meszaros	P
Landgrove	Jim Swartzentruber	A	Susan Lenox	A		
Londonderry	John Hankin	A	James Wilbur	V		
Manchester	Terrence Dorsey	V	Kathleen James	A		
Peru	Ben Foltz	A	Peter Bradford	A		
Pownal	Caitlin Randall	V	Karlan Eberhardt	P		
Rupert	Bill Meyer	A	Jed Rubin	V	Arlene Bentley	A
Sandgate	Sheila Kearns	V	Betsy Rathbun-Gunn	A	Logan Weurslin	P
Shaftsbury	Tim Scoggins	V	Michael Corey	A		
Sunderland	Andrew McKeever	V				
Winhall	Fred Schwacke	A				
Woodford						

Also present: Callie Fishburn and Jonathan Cooper (BCRC), Al Bashevkin (treasurer)

1. Call to order
The chair called the meeting to order.
2. Roll call
Callie Fishburn called roll. 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 September 14, 2022, October 12, 2022, and October 26, 2022
Motion to approve all three sets of minutes as presented by Tim Scoggins. Seconded by Jed Rubin. Passed unanimously

6. Public comments
None

7. Announcements
None

8. Review of Draft Annual Report

The board discussed the draft 2022 annual report. Tim Scoggins suggested adding an executive summary and moving the list of member towns to the end. *Motion to approve the 2022 draft annual report for distribution with the addition of an executive summary and other minor stylistic changes by Tim Scoggins. Seconded by Caitlin Randall. Passed unanimously.*

9. Review of Updated Contract with BCRC

The contract begins retroactively on April 1, 2022, to cover services already performed by BCRC and ends on December 31, 2022. A new contract with BCRC for 2023 will be developed soon. *Motion to approve the contract with BCRC by Tim Scoggins. Seconded by Sheila Kearns. Passed unanimously.*

10. Update on Act 71 Construction Grant

Next step is to execute a grant agreement with VCBB. Eric and Sheila will be meeting with VCBB to discuss the grant agreement and funding schedule. The CUD is proposing 50% of the funds up front with the other 50% paid upon completion of the work.

11. Other Business

The November 23rd meeting will be cancelled due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The next meeting will be December 14th at which time the board will hold its annual report hearing.

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