

Southern Vermont Communications Union District

Draft Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2023

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

Also present: Callie Fishburn (BCRC)

1. Call to order
The chair called the meeting to order at 6:05PM.
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 February 8, March 8, and April 12, 2023
Motion to approve the minutes as presented by Andrew McKeever, seconded by Caitlin Randall. Passed unanimously.

6. Public comments
None

7. Announcements
None

8. Vote to Confirm New VCUDA Representative

Motion to approve Jonathan Cooper as SoVT CUD voting representative to VCUDA, and Terence Dorsey and Callie Fishburn as alternates by Bill Meyer, seconded by Terence Dorsey. Passed unanimously.

9. Act 71 Grant Updates

The first quarterly report was submitted, and construction has begun in several towns. The narrative report was shared with board members back in April but will be reshared along with construction start dates. Board members are encouraged to share this information with their select boards and residents. Phase 2 will be complete by the end of this year. As Phase 2 progresses, the board will need to begin looking into solutions for the Phase 3 addresses which have been identified as the hardest to reach.

10. Other Business

The June meeting will be the CUD's annual meeting where the election of officers will take place. The positions of chair, vice chair, and clerk will be open for nominations. As the SoVT CUD moves into its construction phase, requirements of the officers have lessened, however, they still play an important role serving as liaisons to CCI and keeping them accountable to their contract deliverables.

Motion to adjourn by Bill Meyer, seconded by Andrew McKeever. Passed unanimously.