

Southern Vermont Communications Union District

Draft Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2023

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	A	Jim Salsgiver	A	Bob Meszaros	V
Landgrove	Jim Swartzentruber	A	Susan Lenox	A		
Londonderry	John Hankin	V	James Wilbur	A		
Manchester	Terrence Dorsey	V	Kathleen James	A		
Peru	Ben Foltz	A	Peter Bradford	A		
Pownal	Caitlin Randall	V	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		
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 6:01 PM.
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]  
Bill Meyer asked that an address issue in Rupert and the topic of board meeting frequency be added to Other Business.
5. Review and approval of draft minutes from September 13, and October 11, 2023

*Motion to approve both sets of minutes by Bill Meyer, seconded by Andrew McKeever. Passed unanimously.*

6. Public comments  
None

7. Review and Approval of FY23 Draft Annual Report for Distribution

The board reviewed the draft annual report and FY24 budget. The board recommended adding a list of town representatives to the report as well as a note on the FY23 budget about the uncertainty of costs and funding opportunities related to Phase 3.

*Motion to approve the draft FY23 annual report for distribution with the addition of a list of town representatives and note about Phase 3 costs by Tim Scoggins, seconded by Sheila Kearns. Passed unanimously.*

8. Election of New Chair

*Eric Hatch nominated Terrence Dorsey for the position of chair, seconded by Tim Scoggins. Motion passed unanimously.*

The board thanked Eric Hatch for his service as chair.

9. Other Business

*Bill Meyer made a motion to change CUD governing board meetings to every other month. Seconded by Sheila Kearns.*

Discussion: Sheila Kearns recommended that the CUD's bylaws be checked to see if changing the meeting frequency to every other month would require an amendment to the bylaws. Tim Scoggins is opposed to the change because of the present difficulty getting quorum at monthly meetings. Terrence Dorsey said that the CUD will have sufficient business in 2024 to justify maintaining a monthly meeting schedule – he would prefer to have a monthly meeting scheduled and cancel if it's not necessary. Beyond 2024, monthly meetings will most likely not be necessary, and meetings could occur less frequently.

#### Voting Results

Bennington – No  
Dorset – No  
Londonderry – No  
Manchester – No  
Pownal – No  
Rupert – Yes  
Sandgate – No  
Shaftsbury – No

Sunderland – No

*Motion failed.*

Bill brought up the situation of Antone View Road, which is a private road in Rupert with approximately ten residences. They currently receive internet from Hub 66. The residents contacted CCI who initially said they could provide service, but upon arriving at the site, could not find conduit and therefore could not provide service. Bill will find out more information to pass along to CCI so that they can figure out a way to provide service on Antone Road.

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