

Southern Vermont Communications Union District

Draft Meeting Minutes

November 15, 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	V	Bob Meszaros	A
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	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	A		
Sunderland	Andrew McKeever	V				
Winhall	Fred Schwacke	A				
Woodford						

Also present: Callie Fishburn and Jonathan Cooper (BCRC)

1. Call to order  
The chair called the meeting to order at 6:04 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]  
The board agreed to add approval of the FY23 Annual Report to the agenda under "Other Business." The board will also address a letter received from a Rupert resident under "Other Business."
5. Public comments

None

6. Appointment of New Treasurer

Jessica Grimm-Lyon has agreed to be the new CUD treasurer, replacing Al Bashevkin. Jessica has a bookkeeping background and is currently a part-time junior accountant at Shires Housing. She has already connected with Al to discuss the role and responsibilities of the treasurer. She will be paid a stipend of \$250 per month.

*Motion to appoint Jessica Grimm-Lyon as the new treasurer and authorize her to become a signor on the Bank of Bennington account by Jim Salsgiver, seconded by Sheila Kearns. Passed unanimously.*

7. Other Business

Annual Report Approval

*Motion to approve the FY23 annual report by Bill Meyer, seconded by Tim Scoggins. Passed unanimously.*

Letter from Rupert Resident

Greg Vail of Mt. Antone Rd in Rupert sent a detailed letter to the board about his internet situation. Terry has spoken with CCI and they are working to resolve the engineering issues and provide him with service. Terry will follow up with Mr. Vail to update him on the situation.

Per CCI the best thing for someone to do is just sign up for service and a technician will come out and inspect the property to see if service is possible. Brian Lim at CCI is working on a document that outlines what they can and cannot work with regarding underground conduits.

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