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Development Association*

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68th ANNUAL MEETING
Highland Center for the Arts
Greensboro, VT
September 13, 2018

THOSE ATTENDING:

Directors: Keith Ballek, Lynn Batchelor, Paul Brouha, James Brown, Amanda Carlson, Hope Colburn, William Davis, Jeanne Desrochers, Lawrence Donna, Conrad Doyon, Scott Dunn, Marty Feltus, Kim Fried, Shari Cornish, Gretchen Kaija, Jane Kitchel, Paul Lefebvre, Ken Linsley, Jim Lovinsky, Michael Marcotte, Michael Metcalf, Paul Monette, Tom Robinson, John Rodgers, Fred Saar, Brent Smith, Brian Smith, Grant Spates, Robert Starr, Vicki Strong, Cynthia Stuart, Jennifer Surat, Laurence Thompson, Chip Troiano, Patricia Whitney, Mark Whitworth

Guests: Sarah Amos, Carol Brown, Margaret Burmeister, Anne Campbell, Erica Campbell, Scott Campbell, Eun Young Denny, Dianne Drown, Barbara Edelman, Jon Freeman, Jody Fried, David Gallup, Patricia Giavara, Jonathan Gilbert, Samuel Gonyaw, Michael Gonyaw, Joseph Gresser, Ken Hammer, Ross Hart, Lisa Henderson, Layne Higgs, Tara Holt, Tomasz Jankowski, Jon Jewett, Daniel Kimbell, Abby Long, Danielle Marcotte, Donna Melendy, Elizabeth Nelson, Allison Poulin, Eric Remick, Darryll Rudy, Chris Saunders, Pamela Smith, Robin Smith, Patrick Sodums, Anita Starr, Gail Stevenson, Sean Surat, George Twigg, Mike Welch, Chad Whitehead, Tracy Zschau

Employees: Judy Butson, Tina Gonyaw, Steven Herbert, Lorna Higgs, Alison Low, Frank Maloney, Bruce Melendy, Irene Nagle, Daniel Sattelberger, David Snedeker

The 68th Annual Meeting was called to order at 6:10.

Grant Spates opened the meeting and welcomed all present. David Snedeker noted that the theme of the meeting was 'collaboration' and reminded attendees to view the project displays in the gallery area to see some of the collaborative efforts happening in the region.

Meeting Minutes

A motion by Conrad Doyon and duly seconded to accept the minutes of September 14, 2017 Annual Meeting as mailed, carried unanimously.

Appointment of ballot clerks

President Spates appointed Conrad Doyon and Judy Butson as clerks to count the election ballots.

A motion by Paul Monette seconded by Paul Brouha, to accept the appointment of Conrad Doyon and Judy Butson as clerks to count the election ballots, carried unanimously.

Approval of Westmore Town Plan

Alison Low presented to the Board the recommendation of the Town Plan Approval committee for Westmore's Town Plan. A motion by Paul Brouha seconded Patricia Whitney, to approve the Westmore Town Plan, carried unanimously.

Public Hearing

Alison Low opened the Public Hearing to confirm the planning efforts of Derby, Hardwick, Lowell, Norton, Sutton, Unified Town & Gores, Westmore, Westfield and Wheelock. She explained that confirmation only needs to occur twice within an eight-year period, whereas NVDA used to confirm eligible municipalities annually.

A motion by Paul Monette seconded by Fred Saar, to confirm the planning efforts of Derby, Hardwick, Lowell, Norton, Sutton, Unified Town & Cores, Westmore, Westfield and Wheelock carried unanimously.

Guest Speaker

David Snedeker, NVDA Executive Director, introduced guest speaker Jody Fried; Executive Director of Catamount Film & Arts

Jody Fried spoke about how the Northeast Kingdom can define, measure, and grow the Creative Economy sector in the region. By focusing on expanding and leveraging our existing resources, the economy can grow through the Creative, Recreation, and Food Sectors. The NEK Collaborative is focused on this and also expanding our Leadership Development in the region. In conclusion, he thanked NVDA for the opportunity to speak.

Election Results

Judy Butson announced the results of the election of officers as follows:

President	Grant Spates
Vice President, Caledonia County	Tom Robinson
Vice President, Essex County	Joel Cope
Vice President, Orleans County	Amanda Carlson
Secretary/Treasurer	Fred Saar

A motion for ratification of the election results by Laurence, seconded by Patricia Whitney, carried unanimously.

Other Business

David Snedeker closed the meeting by thanking the guest speaker, the Highland Center for the Arts and the NVDA staff. He gave special recognition to NVDA's interns and seasonal staff; Steven Herbert, Mallory Madore and Daniel Sattelberger, and presented each with a small gift of appreciation.

A motion by Conrad Doyon and duly seconded, to adjourn the meeting, carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.