



NVDA
*Northeastern Vermont
Development Association*

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
The Eastside Restaurant
Newport, VT
June 28, 2018 6:00 PM

THOSE ATTENDING:

Directors: Keith Ballek, Lynn Batchelor, Paul Brouha, Jim Brown, Reggie Bunnell, Hope Colburn, Joel Cope, Bill Davies, Bill Davis, Jeanne Desrochers, Louisa Dotoli, Conrad Doyon, Scott Dunn, Marty Feltus, Kim Fried, Jane Kitchel, Real Lanoue, Mike Marcotte, Mike Metcalf, Paul Monette, John Morley, Greg Noyes, Tom Robinson, Fred Saar, Beaula Shattuck, Grant Spates, Robert Starr, Larry Thompson, Mark Whitworth

Guests: Carol Brouha, Dave Cross, Shari Cornish, Vince Dotoli, Jon Jewett

NVDA Staff: Judy Butson, Karen Geraghty, Tina Gonyaw, Alison Low, David Snedeker

The meeting was called to order by President Spates at 6:04.

President Spates mentioned the Newport Centennial and allowed Newport Major Paul Monette speak briefly on the events.

Update Agenda

None

Minutes

A motion by Conrad Doyon, seconded by Fred Saar to accept the minutes of the April 26, 2018 meeting as mailed, carried unanimously.

May 2018 Financials

A motion by Bill Davies, seconded by Beaula Shattuck, to accept the April 2018 financial statements subject to audit, carried unanimously.

Exclusion of Officers for Workers Compensation

A motion by Fred Saar, seconded by Paul Monette, to exclude NVDA's President, Secretary/Treasurer, Vice President Caledonia County, and Vice President Orleans County from Worker's Compensation Coverage, carried unanimously.

FY2019 Budget

Judy addressed the board with regard to the proposed FY2019 Operating Budget and the FY2019 Capital Budget. Questions were answered.

A motion by Fred Saar, seconded by Paul Monette, to approve the FY2018 Operating Budget & FY2018 Capital Budget as presented, carried unanimously.

Disaster Recovery Plan

A motion by Paul Monette, seconded by Tom Robinson, to approve the Disaster Recovery Plan as presented, carried unanimously. President Spates thanked Fred Saar for his work on this.

Certification of NVDA's Regional Plan

The Executive Director informed the Board that NVDA's Regional Plan received a Certificate of Energy Compliance from the State of Vermont. This allows NVDA to certify Town Plans. Snedeker thanked Alison Low and NVDA employees for all the hard work that went into this process.

Guest Speaker

Jon Jewett, Hardwick Town Manager – the Yellow Barn Project

Jon spoke on the past economic development in the town of Hardwick and plans for future development in the community. The town is currently focusing on developing the Yellow Barn property in Hardwick as a local business accelerator and sees another Industrial Park in the near term. Jon acknowledged NVDA's assistance in their efforts.

Election of At-Large Board Members

A motion by Mike Marcotte seconded by Keith Ballek, to elect Conrad Doyon, Health Care Services; Tom Robinson, Banking; John Morley and Amanda Carlson, Local Government Administration, as NVDA's At-Large Board Members representing citizen interest groups. Motion carried unanimously.

Outcome of County Caucusing for Appointment to the Executive Committee

Caledonia County appointed Tom Robinson
Essex County appointed Joel Cope
Orleans County appointed Amanda Carlson

Nominating Committee Appointment

President Grant Spates appointed Jane Kitchel and Mark Whitworth from Caledonia County, Joel Cope and Reggie Bunnell from Essex County, Beaula Shattuck and Robert Starr from Orleans County and Conrad Doyon At-Large to serve on the Nominating Committee.

The Nominating Committee met directly following the caucusing to nominate a slate of officers for the upcoming election.

Executive Director Updates

None

Other Business

There being no further business, a motion by Conrad Doyon, seconded by Mike Metcalf, to adjourn the meeting, carried unanimously.

President Spates adjourned the meeting at 7:35pm.

Report of Nominating Committee

The slate of officers, which will appear on the ballot for FY2019 are Grant Spates, President; Tom Robinson, Vice President Caledonia County; Joel Cope, Vice President Essex County; Amanda Carlson, Vice President Orleans County; and Fred Saar, Secretary/Treasurer.