



~ **MINUTES** ~  
**71<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING**  
**Zooming Meeting**  
**September 30, 2021**

**THOSE ATTENDING:**

**Directors:** Teri Williams, Mike Metcalf, Marcia Martel, Brent Smith, Woodman Page, Jim Brown, Stephen Amos, William Davis, Fred Saar, Martha Feltus, Rudy Chase, Gina Vigneault, Shari Cornish, Ken Linsley, Laura Dolgin, Mark Whitworth, Hope Colburn, Jane Kitchel, Louisa Dotoli, Larry Thompson, David Gallup, Robert Starr, Thomas Robinson

**Guests:** Ted Brady

**Employees:** Judy Butson, Tina Gonyaw, Irene Nagle, Annie McLean, David Snedeker

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The 71<sup>h</sup> Annual Meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM.

Martha Feltus opened the meeting, explained the general ZOOM etiquette, and welcomed all present.

**Updates to Agenda**

None

**Meeting Minutes**

A motion by Robert Starr seconded by Thomas Robinson, to accept the minutes of September 25, 2020 Annual Meeting as mailed, carried unanimously.

**Appointment of ballot clerks**

President Feltus announced Thomas Robinson and Judy Butson as clerks to count the election ballots.

**Election Results**

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

President	Laura Dolgin
Vice President, Caledonia County	Martha Feltus
Vice President, Essex County	Gina Vigneault
Vice President, Orleans County	Grant Spates
Secretary/Treasurer	Fred Saar

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### **Ratification of Election Results**

A motion for ratification of the election results by Steven Amos and, seconded by Thomas Robinson, carried unanimously.

### **Guest Speaker**

David Snedeker, NVDA Executive Director, introduced guest speaker Ted Brady, Executive Director of VLCT

Presentation Attached

### **Toast to All – David Snedeker**

David thanked the NVDA staff and board for all their work/effort through this trying year. Even though there was minimal in person interaction it was a very busy and productive year.

### **Other Business**

None

A motion by Fred Saar to adjourn the meeting, carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM.

# About VLCT

- All 246 Cities and Towns are Members
- Another 142 units of municipal government are Associate Members (villages, counties, etc)

“The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that was founded in 1967 with the mission of serving and strengthening Vermont local government.”

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## 5 CORE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

### The Value of Belonging

*Membership in VLCT provides one of the best returns on investment by saving you and your municipality time and money. Think of the League as an extension of your office, providing comprehensive and specialized expertise and support.*

# 1

#### SUPPORT

Whatever your issue, you can call one number for all of your questions. Get answers and resources quickly from knowledgeable professionals, many of whom have firsthand knowledge from serving their municipalities.

# 2

#### KNOWLEDGE

Access specialized expertise, on-point training, vetted resources, and the latest data – all with a municipal focus and deep understanding of trends and issues across the state.

# 3

#### REPRESENTATION

Municipal voices are heard collectively and as a single, united voice through full-time, focused advocacy.

# 4

#### INSURANCE

Manage your risks and protect your taxpayers' assets with robust member-owned insurance programs with coverage and services that are tailored to municipalities.

# 5

#### CONNECTION

Whether you need to talk shop or shop for vendors, VLCT connects you to a variety of networks, agencies, organizations, colleagues, and experts.



# Vermont Municipalities Received Nearly \$200 Million in Local Fiscal Recovery Funds from ARPA

## Planning Framework for Maximum Impact and Best Use of Municipal ARPA Funds



Vermont League  
of Cities & Towns

### 1. PRIORITIZE GOOD GOVERNANCE

- Convene all Stakeholders & Build Consensus
- Follow Allowable Uses Under ARPA
- Meet all Accounting & Reporting Rules
- Comply w/ all Local & State Laws/Ordinances
- Ensure Transparency Throughout
- Do Not Create Future Budget Deficits

### 2. LEVERAGE YOUR ARPA AID

- Use a Thoughtful Strategic Planning Process
- Leverage w/ ARPA, FEMA & Other \$ Fed Sources
- Coordinate w/ Other State & Local Programs
- Collaborate w/ Community Partners & Orgs
- Use Existing Delivery Systems for Efficiency
- Don't Reinvent the Wheel: Learn from Others

### 3. INVEST IN BEST USES FOR LONG-TERM RECOVERY

- Invest in Urgent Health and Economic Needs
- Prioritize Short-Term Investments w/ Lasting Benefits
- ID and Address Pre-COVID Inhibitors to Growth
- Move Quickly to Stimulate a Faster Recovery
- Measure Progress Throughout to Inform Ongoing Plans

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## Governor Scott's "Four Ts"

- Transformative
- Timely
- Tangible
- Transparent



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# 2021 TOWN FAIR

TRAINING FOR TOMORROW

VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES & TOWNS

- Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup> – four virtual sessions on ARPA.
  - Intro from White House Advisor Luke McGowan
  - Imagine What Your Money Can Do For You
  - We Have an Idea...Now What?
  - Keep Your Money and Avoid Clawback
  - ARPA Roundtable: Using Your ARPA Dollars to Host a Better Hybrid Meeting
- Register at [vlct.org/townfair](https://vlct.org/townfair)

