



NVDA

*Northeastern Vermont
Development Association*

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

**Burke Mountain – First 13 Meeting Room
6:00 PM**

April 27, 2023

MINUTES

Those attending:

Committee:

Paul Brouha
Laura Dolgin
Martha Feltus
Grant Spates
Fred Saar
Cynthia Stuart

Staff:

Tina Gonyaw
David Snedeker

Guests:

The Meeting was called to order by President Laura Dolgin at 6:07 PM

Update Agenda

None

Minutes

A motion to accept the minutes of the February 23, 2023 meeting as presented was made by Fred Saar and seconded by Martha Feltus. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

Financials

The March 2023 Unaudited Financial Statements were discussed and a motion to approve them subject to audit was made Paul Brouha and seconded by Grant Spates. The motion was approved on a voice vote. David answered a few questions on CDs.

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Transition of NVDA Board President

Laura Dolgin announced her retirement.

A motion to appoint Martha Feltus as interim President through the Annual Meeting in September was made by Fred Saar and seconded by Cynthia Stuart. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

NVDA Staff Community Outreach Plan

NVDA staff will be doing a significant amount of municipal outreach to our communities in the coming months. We will be reaching out to towns on all of the following: Municipal Energy Resilience Planning (MERP), ARPA assistance as needed, Municipal unmet needs survey (in concert with the Agency of Administration), and a Health Equity Toolkit being utilized statewide. Through the work of the Climate Council, we will later be assisting communities with a Municipal Vulnerability Index tool for their local planning efforts. We will also be asking about the status of plans and bylaws, as well as their NVDA Board Representatives.

Regional Plan re-adoption and update

- Existing plan is set to expire August 27, 2023, so an interim update and readoption, along with an Assessment Report, is required in order to ensure that NVDA continues to have a plan that is in effect.
- For the interim update, the energy plan, which received substantial deference in 2018 from the Department of Public Service will require some modifications in order to receive substantial deference.
- Director will have staff provide a readoption schedule.
- The NEW regional plan, which will be developed with the assistance of SE Group, will be streamlined, visionary, and user-friendly. It will contain an executive summary and be organized around general planning themes. It is an 18 month process.
- The goal for this timeline is to ensure that NVDA does not have an expired plan at any time. Timeline for readoption is tight, so we are aiming for a readoption to occur no later than late July.

Other Business

None

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 PM with a motion to adjourn by Fred Saar and seconded by Paul Brouha.