



LAMOILLE FIBERNET COMMUNICATIONS UNION DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
 March 28, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
DRAFT MINUTES

Town Representatives and Alternates Attending (V=Present and Voting, P=Present)

Town	P/V	Representative	P/V	Alternate	P/V	Alternate
Belvidere	V	Carol Caldwell-Edmonds	P	Kipp Verner		
Cambridge			V	Sam Lotto		
Eden	V	Liza Jones				
Hyde Park	V	Michael Rooney	P	Carol Fano		
Johnson	V	Charlotte Reber	P	Paul Warden	P	Doug Molde
Morristown	V	Jane Campbell				
Stowe	V	Stephen Friedman	P	Scott Weathers		
Waterville	V	Jeff Tilton				

Also present: Christine Hallquist, Teelah Hall, Larry Lackey, Fred Wadington

7:01pm Call to Order Michael Rooney called the meeting to order.

7:01pm Agenda Changes & Public Comment - Stephen Friedman moved to add a discussion on each town leadership’s ideas of their roles and responsibilities might be with the CUD moving forward, as well as an open discussion on the appropriations of the federal funding allotted to each town. Jane Campbell seconded. Motion passed.

7:04pm Consent Agenda

- a) *3/24/21 minutes
- b) *Treasurer Report

The 3/24 minutes contained a few typos to be corrected (Stephen not Steven, Friedman not Freidman, Molde not Moulde), as well as inadvertently omitting to record that Doug Molde was indeed present. Jane Campbell moved to accept Consent Agenda with the aforementioned changes. Charlotte Reber seconded. Motion passed.

7:06pm Updates - Christine Hallquist updated the board on her senate testimony advocating for direct funding to the CUDs. Members of the CUD as well as the community should reach out

to their legislators, especially to those on the Senate Finance Committee, to advocate for support for the CUD model. There should be a decision made by Friday.

An open discussion followed on the topic of each individual town's leadership views on funding for broadband, and specifically LFCUD. Most importantly, the leadership wants to see progress. The towns need details on how much money there will be available and what it can be used for.

Task: Christine Hallquist will get pole study total estimates for each town and relay the information to the Governing Board to share with their Selectboards, with the caveat that in some cases, pole data may not be needed.

7:45pm Collaboration Task Force Charter - Jane Campbell moved to approve the proposed charter, acknowledging the task force may not be needed until a future date. Carol Caldwell-Edmonds seconded. A few spelling errors will be corrected. Motion passed.

7:47pm Special May 11th Meeting for Elections and Organizational Meeting - Jane Campbell suggested and all agreed that the May 5th Executive Committee meeting should instead be a special board meeting, for a structured discussion on the business plan with RISI's comments. Confidential documents, including RISI (Rural Innovation Strategies, Inc.) input, will be shared with governing board members through Dropbox and otherwise not distributed.

Task: Members of the board should review the confidential documents with RISI's input to prepare for the business plan adaptation decision.

Good idea to have GB adopt business plan at special May 11th organizational meeting. PTF will meet on Tuesday May 4th, their normal meeting time.

8:04pm Adjourn - Charlotte Reber moved to adjourn. Stephen Friedman seconded. Motion passed.