



LAMOILLE FIBERNET COMMUNICATIONS UNION DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

July 21, 2021 at 7:00p.m.

Location: Green Mountain Support Services, 93 James St., Morrisville, VT
MINUTES

As Approved by the Executive Committee on August 4, 2021

7:00pm Agenda Changes and Public Comment- Jane recommends adding a discussion on meeting items for the June 28th GB meeting.

7:01pm Roll Call- Jeff Tilton, Paul Warden, Stephen Friedman, Jane Campbell, Teelah Hall, Christine Hallquist, Larry Lackey, Carol Fano, Michael Rooney

7:01pm Consent Agenda- The "Updates" will be moved to a separate agenda item, therefore:

1. Approval of the 7/7 Executive Committee Draft Minutes
2. Approval of purchasing a second Seven Days listing for the ED position

Jeff was not at the 7/7 meeting, and will be removed from the draft minutes. Jeff moved to approve the consent agenda with the mentioned changes. Stephen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

7:03pm Updates- VT community broadband board: Christine gave a brief bio of her fellow VTCBB house appointees. The board consists of a heavy background in communication/grid infrastructure. The Senate will appoint additional members

7:06pm Updates- Interim Personnel Needs: The 23rd of July will be Christine's last day as the interim ED for LFCUD, as she will be beginning her tenure as the ED of VTCBB then. Jane will update the board as soon as a viable ED is found. In the meantime, tasks will have to be appointed to volunteer board members. Grant seeker and writer, GIS mapping system updates/manager, and lead on detailed design/project selection will need to be tasked to existing members. Larry will stay on the finances. Jane and Sam have conducted phone interviews with two ED candidates. Both are strong and have good credentials.

7:10pm Updates- Potential concurrent priorities- Stephen has received from insight Stowe access and MCF; neither have detailed inventory of buried drops and conduit. It seems they deal with the issues as they arise. They run into complexities with HOA, etc. but both parties seem like the issue is not overly burdensome. He's still trying to get updated GIS mapping to accurately represent existing underground infrastructure. Perhaps the data we have from Tillson study may be incomplete. We should expect surprises while we progress with projects. Simplified Loan programs for homeowners for burying conduit is feasible and should be looked into with local banks. The assumption is that the property owner will own any conduit that is paid for by them. Perhaps we should recommend towns invest in public road conduit runs that are not owned by an outside entity like CCI while working on road projects.

7:23pm Updates- Stowe Access- Christine disclosed that Stowe access plans to build to all addresses in Stowe.

NW CUD It seems like there has been some struggles with finding personnel. They will be interested in having a conversation about sharing resources with LFCUD.

7:27pm Updates- Belvidere infrastructure work is being conducted my MCF

7:30pm Open Meeting Resolution- VCUDA voted to NOT accept the resolution. The board concurs that transparency is important, and thus should continue with open meetings. A motion to recommend board approval will not be necessary.

7:34pm Executive Session- Stephen Friedman moved to go into executive session after making a specific finding that premature general public knowledge would clearly place the public body or a person involved at a substantial disadvantage regarding contracts. Paul seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Stephen moved to invite into executive session all members present that appear on the roll call above, as all are current members of LFCUD. Paul seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

8:05pm Resumption of Public Meeting- Moving forward, the Partnership Task Force will reach out to MCF and Stowe Access to seek insight to their ultimate plans for the area. Christine will look into the possibility of lending grant money to providers to fund buildouts.

8:09pm Next Meeting Agenda Items should include

1. solution on email/cloud storage system. A decision will need to be made before 02 Aug, since that is when the current platform renewal is due.
2. A recommendation from the PTF with a summarization of the responses were received and the PTF's assessment of them.
3. Q&A from the governing board, possibly requiring executive session.
4. Revising ED job description to include organizing fund raising.

8:17pm Gratitude to Christine's Contributions- Christine joined LFCUD when her leadership was the most needed, and the board is grateful for her efforts and wish her well in her new role.

8:18pm Adjourn- Paul moved to adjourn. Jeff seconded. Motion passed unanimously.