



**Annual Meeting – Governing Board**  
**May 14, 2024, at 7:00 pm**  
**Location: Virtual & 52 Portland St., Morrisville, VT**  
**Approved May 22, 2024**

**7:00 pm Call to Order:** Jeff Tilton called the meeting to order.

**Board Members Attending**  
 (V=Present and Voting, A=Absent)

Town	P/V	Representative	P/V	Alternate
Belvidere	V	Carol Caldwell-Edmonds	P	Pam McKenna
Cambridge	V	Sam Lotto	P	Matthew McCabe
Eden	V	Carey Earle		
Elmore	V	Randy Tomlin		
Hyde Park	P	Michael Rooney	V	Carol Fano
Johnson	V	Paul Warden	A	Mark Woodward
Morristown	V	Jane Campbell	A	John Meyer
Stowe	V	Stephen Friedman	P	John Woods
Waterville	P	Jeff Tilton	P	Scott Johnson
Wolcott	V	Andrew Ross		

**Other Lamoille FiberNet attendees:** Lisa Birmingham, ex officio; Mark Schilling, ex officio

**Public/Guests:** None

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**7:15 Agenda Changes:** None

**7:15 Public Comment:** None

**7:15 Election of Officers and Committee Chairs**

Michael noted that Jack Wool is no longer on the board roster.

Jane moved to nominate Jeff Tilton as Chair and Andrew Ross as Vice Chair, Lisa Birmingham as Clerk and Mark Schilling as Treasurer. Paul seconded the nominations. Motion passed unanimously.

**7:21 Election of Executive Finance Committee Members**

Jane moved to nominate Randy Tomlin for one year, Paul Warden for two years, and Michael Rooney for one year to the Executive Finance Committee, with the understanding that the Chair and Vice Chair are automatically on the EFC. Paul seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**7:24 Approval of April Governing Board Minutes**

Paul moved to approve the minutes as submitted, Jane seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**7:25 Executive Director Update**

Lisa reported that construction started this week, beginning in Stowe and Johnson. Lisa added news that Consolidated Communications (CCI) is self-funding the rest of Cambridge, which was originally slated to be part of Phase II, and some Stowe, Smuggler's and Morrisville addresses. As a result, Phase II's estimated cost is closer to \$1M than \$5M.

CCI will finalize the Phase II address list within a couple of weeks. Phase II will finish Elmore and some North Hyde Park and Morrystown addresses, plus one or two Eden addresses. CCI has asked us to verify 105 addresses that are off-grid and therefore should be removed. Also, CCI is trying to meeting with each Selectboard, road commissioners and public works contacts. They aim to finish construction by September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Sam noted that constituents are signing up with Starlink service or receiving higher Stowe Cable speeds. Stephen suggested communications to let communities know that construction has started. Lisa asked that communications should also note that construction timelines for each address are not specific.

Lisa is researching Phase II funding sources, and she noted that addresses we challenged in VCBB BEAD challenge process appear not to be contested, and that the process will continue through late May. She also planned to work with CCO to submit challenges to FCC to remove certain "off-grid" addresses from the fabric, and therefore BEAD eligibility.

Lisa also noted that VCBB is working with VCUDA to determine how to allocate the remaining ARPA funds. Sam suggested that we may want to contract with a construction manager to help manage a smooth construction kickoff, and he also suggested that savings realized from Phase I address changes could be saved for contingencies instead of expanding the address list.

Lisa discussed the VCUDA testimony before the Public Utility Commission (PUC) regarding CCI's potential sale to Searchlight.

**8:34 May 22<sup>nd</sup> Governing Board Meeting Agenda**

The meeting will include committee appointments, a construction schedule update and Treasurer's report.

**8:37 Meeting Adjourned**

Carol Caldwell-Edmonds moved to adjourn, Paul seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Jane Campbell