



Governing Board Meeting

October 22, 2025, at 7:00 pm

Location: Virtual via Teams and In-Person at LCPC Conference Room 52

Portland Street, Morrisville, VT

DRAFT MINUTES

7:00 pm - Call to Order: Jeff Tilton called the meeting to order and took roll call.

Committee Members Attending

(V=Present and Voting, P=Present, A=Absent)

Town	P/V	Representative	P/V	Alternate
Belvidere	V	Carol Caldwell-Edmonds	P	Tyler Barber
Cambridge	A	Sam Lotto	V	Matthew McCabe
Eden	V	Carey Earle		
Elmore	V	Trevor Braun		
Hyde Park				
Johnson	V	Paul Warden		
Morristown	V	Jane Campbell	P	John Meyer
Stowe	V	Stephen Friedman	P	John Woods
Waterville	V	Jeff Tilton	P	Scott Johnson
Wolcott	A	Andrew Ross		

Other Lamoille FiberNet attendees: Colette Jurnak, Treasurer; Marc Mastrangelo and Conrad Becker, LCPC; Lisa Birmingham, LFCUD Consultant **Public/Guests:** None

7:06 pm - Public Comment: None

7:06 pm - Agenda Changes: Colette to go first since Andy is going to be late for the Chair's Update

7:08 pm - Treasurer Report and Audit Update

- Colette presented the Treasurer's Monthly Financial Report

- 2025 forecast through end-of-year
- [[MOTION]] Steven moved to Authorize Andy to execute the engagement letter with KBS for 2025 audit, Paul seconded. Collette noted that KBS was great to work with and that this is a good team to work with. Passed unanimously.

7:17 pm – Phase 2 / Long Drop program Update from Lisa and Marc

- Lisa reported that Phase 2 is done, reports filed with VCBB that it is complete. We have completed our Universal Service Plan.
- Marc reported he is leaving LCPC and introduced Conrad Becker as his replacement. We thanked Marc for all he has done for our org and wish him the best.
- Marc reported that we are currently 2/3 of the way through the long drops.
- Marc reported that CCI is working effectively on escalations – very responsive and move quickly when we get stuff reported to them.
- Marc noted that as board members become aware of issues, they should be brought to him (or Conrad going forward) for escalation

7:28 pm – CCI update; Contract Amendment

Lisa updated that CCI is now “Fidium” and we have only 4 of 10 towns who have signed up for free town WiFi.

7:32 pm - Operations & Governance Update

2026 Insurance Coverage

- Lisa recommended continuing our current levels of \$1m in D&O insurance. We expect the premium to be within our planned budget.
- Steven mentioned we may want to increase coverage. Andy is reaching out to Vermont League of Cities and Towns for guidance on appropriate coverage levels.

LCPC Update

As noted, Marc’s last day will be November 6th. Conrad is going to backfill. We continue to talk with LCPC about what other things we can hand off.

Update Sustainability Planning

Lisa reported that there were a couple of initiative renewal meetings this past week. The current work involves assessing whether a merger vs. an intra-local agreement would be workable/preferable. The three CUDs signed an agreement last year to pursue an inter-local agreement, which also identified that a merger might be useful later. Andy is working on putting together a more concrete plan with details for us to review in the future.

Discussion centered on whether there will actually be much benefit to merging, or if it might cause as many problems than it solves.

[[MOTION]] Jeff moved to authorize Andy to work with LCPC to explore how to maximize operational efficiencies, recognizing that that work is beyond the scope of our work with LCPC currently, and we authorize this as long as we remain within the current budget. Jane seconded. Passed unanimously.

8:04 pm - Other Business

Approval of Prior Board Minutes

Motion: Jeff moved to approve the September 24th Governing Board Meeting minutes. Paul seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Governing Board Handbook

Jeff noted that this isn't quite ready to be voted on, but is looking for help in getting it finished. Plan is to vote on it at the next meeting

Communications Update

Jane noted we are working on a brief press release to let people know the network is done.

Next Meeting

Next meeting is Wednesday, 11/12/25 at 7pm – hybrid, location TBD.

Date/Deadline	Item	Owner	Status
11/12	On or before 11/15 - Host public meeting - Statutory deadline	Andy	
12/10	On or before 12/15 - Approve 2026 Budget; Statutory deadline	Andy	

8:17 pm - Adjourn

Having exhausted the agenda, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Matt McCabe 10/22/2025