



NVDA
*Northeastern Vermont
Development Association*

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
Eastside Restaurant, Newport, VT
June 15, 2017 6:00 PM

THOSE ATTENDING:

Directors: Keith Ballek, Rep. Lynn Batchelor, Paul Brouha, Reginald Bunnell, Hope Colburn, Joel Cope, William Davies, Bill Davis, Jeanne Desrochers, Louisa Dotoli, Conrad Doyon, Scott Dunn, Rep. Martha Feltus, Kim Fried, Sen. Jane Kitchel, Real Lanoue, Paul Monette, John Morley, Gregory Noyes, Edward O'Leary, Peter Rodin, Fred Saar, Beula-Jean Shattuck, Grant Spates, Rep. Vicki Strong, Laurence Thompson, Patricia Whitney, Mark Whitworth

Guests: Shannon Baxevanis, Carol Brouha, Vince Dotoli, Allan Moreau, Nick Sherman, Robin Smith

NVDA Staff: Judy Butson, Karen Geraghty, Tina Gonyaw, Lorna Higgs, Shannon Moreau, Irene Nagle, David Snedeker

The meeting was called to order by President Cope at 6:00PM.

Update Agenda

None

Minutes

A motion by Reginald Bunnell, seconded by Peter Rodin to accept the minutes of the March 23, 2017 meeting as mailed, carried unanimously.

May 2017 Financials

A motion by William Davies, seconded by Patricia Whitney to accept the May 2017 financial statements subject to audit, carried unanimously.

Exclusion of Officers for Workers Compensation

A motion by Fred Saar, seconded by Paul Monette to exclude NVDA's President, Secretary/Treasurer, Vice President Caledonia County, and Vice President Orleans County from Worker's Compensation Coverage, carried unanimously.

FY2018 Budget

Judy addressed the board with regard to the proposed FY2018 Budget and the FY2018 Capital Budget. Questions were answered.

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A motion by Paul Monette, seconded by Patricia Whitney to approve the FY2018 Capital Budget as presented, carried unanimously.

Guest Speaker

Shannon Baxevanis, National Grid gave a project overview of the Granite State Power Link. The project proposes to deliver up to 1,200 megawatts of reliable, affordable, clean wind & hydro to New England and would parallel an existing transmission line through Essex and Caledonia Counties to NH. She answered questions as they were posed during her presentation.

Election of At-Large Board Members

A motion by William Davies seconded by Grant Spates to elect Conrad Doyon and Claudio Fort, Health Care Services; Thomas Robinson, Banking; John Morley, Local Government Administration as NVDA's At-Large Board Members representing citizen interest groups, carried unanimously.

Outcome of County Caucusing for Appointment to the Executive Committee

Caledonia County appointed Paul Brouha
Essex County appointed Bruce Hobaugh
Orleans County appointed Grant Spates

Nominating Committee Appointment

President Joel Cope appointed Sen. Jane Kitchel and Rep. Martha Feltus from Caledonia County, Peter Rodin and Joel Cope from Essex County, William Davies and Beula-Jean Shattuck from Orleans County and John Morley At-Large to serve on the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee met directly following the caucusing to nominate a slate of officers for the upcoming election.

There being no further business, a motion by Conrad Doyon, seconded by Patricia Whitney to adjourn the meeting, carried unanimously.

President Cope adjourned the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Report of Nominating Committee

The slate of officers, which will appear on the ballot for FY2018 are Grant Spates, President; Tom Robinson, Vice President Caledonia County; Reginald Bunnell, Vice President Essex County; Paul Monette, Vice President Orleans County; and Fred Saar, Secretary/Treasurer.