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67th ANNUAL MEETING Lyndon State College Lyndon, VT September 14, 2017

THOSE ATTENDING:

Directors: Keith Ballek, Lynn Batchelor, Joe Benning, Paul Brouha, Jim Brown, Reginald Bunnell, Hope Colburn, Joel Cope, Robert Croteau, Bill Davies, Bill Davis, Jeanne Desrochers, Larry Donna, Laura Dolgin, Louisa Dotoli, Conrad Doyon, Scott Dunn, Marty Feltus, Jane Kitchel, Richard Lawrence, Paul Lefebvre, Jim Lovinsky, Peter Lyon, Michael Marcotte, Marcia Martel, Mike Metcalf, Paul Monette, John Morley, Ed O'Leary, Connie Quimby, Tom Robinson, Brian Smith, Grant Spates, Robert Starr, Vicki Strong, Laurence Thompson, Mark Whitworth, Samuel Young

Guests: David Blow, Carol Brown, Sam Buckley, Susan Cherry, Mark Clough, Elaine Collins, Joyce Croteau, Philip Croteau, Kathy Devereaux, Vince Dotoli, Steve Feltus, Jennifer Fraser, Jon Freeman, Karen Gammell, Richard Geisel, Patricia Giavara, Brian Gilmartin, Karen Glitman, Mike Gonyaw, Samuel Gonyaw, Jennifer Gundy, James Hafferman, Ross Hart, Zach Hatch, Layne Higgs, Adam Kane, Daniel Kimbell, Jim Kisch, Jean Leduc, Katarina Lisaius, Michelle Maitri-Mudita, Danielle Marcotte, Carol Martin, Christine McIntyre, Kay McIsaac, Annie McLean, Donna Melendy, Rebecca Midthun, Ann Nygard, Kerry O'Brien, Donna Pion, Roger Pion, Brenda Plastridge, Tom Porter, Anna Rubin, Gov. Phil Scott, Misty Sigsigalli, Anita Starr, Bill Stimpson, Megan Sullivan, Michelle Tarryk, Jacob Trumbull, Mike Welch

Employees: Judy Butson, Lorna Higgs, Alison Low, Tina Gonyaw, David Snedeker, Tracy McIntyre, Alison Low, Irene Nagle, Bruce Melendy

The 67th Annual Meeting was called to order at 6:20 PM.

Joel Cope opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

Meeting Minutes

A motion by Conrad Doyon, seconded by Paul Monette, to accept the minutes of September 15, 2016 Annual Meeting as mailed, carried unanimously.

Appointment of ballot clerks

President Cope appointed Conrad Doyon and Judy Butson as clerks to count the election ballots.

Approval of Town Plans

A motion duly made and seconded to approve the Albany Town Plan, carried unanimously.

A motion duly made and seconded to approve the Danville Town Plan, carried unanimously.

A motion duly made and seconded to approve the Groton Town Plan, carried unanimously.

A motion duly made and seconded to approve the Jay Town Plan, carried unanimously.

A motion duly made and seconded to approve the Sheffield Town Plan, carried unanimously.

A motion duly made and seconded to approve the ST. Johnsbury Town Plan, carried unanimously.

Public Hearing

Alison Low opened the Public Hearing to confirm the planning efforts of Albany, Barnet, Brighton, Brownington, Canaan, Charleston, Concord, Coventry, Craftsbury, Danville, Derby, Granby, Greensboro, Groton, Guildhall, Hardwick, Holland, Jay, Kirby, Lowell, Lyndon, Morgan, Newport City, Newport Town, Norton, Sheffield, St. Johnsbury, Sutton, Troy, Unified Towns & Gores, Waterford, Westfield, Westmore and Wheelock.

A motion by Peter Lyon seconded by Mark Whitworth, to confirm the planning efforts of Albany, Barnet, Brighton, Brownington, Canaan, Charleston, Concord, Coventry, Craftsbury, Danville, Derby, Granby, Greensboro, Groton, Guildhall, Hardwick, Holland, Jay, Kirby, Lowell, Lyndon, Morgan, Newport City, Newport Town, Norton, Sheffield, St. Johnsbury, Sutton, Troy, Unified Towns & Gores, Waterford, Westfield, Westmore and Wheelock carried unanimously.

Guest Speakers

David Snedeker, NVDA Executive Director, welcomed all present; recognized dignitaries, legislators, board members, and staff; introduced guest speaker Dr. Elaine Collins, President of Northern Vermont University.

Dr. Elaine Collins spoke about the unification of Johnson State College and Lyndon State College into Northern Vermont University. She went over the time line of the unification including funding, branding and technology changes to bring the two campuses together as one. The two campuses will open as Northern Vermont University in the fall on 2018. In conclusion, she thanked NVDA for the opportunity to speak.

Joel Cope, NVDA President, next introduced guest speaker Governor Phil Scott.

Gov. Scott spoke about expanding the economy and investing in the future. By focusing on affordable housing, downtown growth, the Brownfields and Northern Border grants, along with enhancing our relationship with Canada. He responded to questions and thanked NVDA for our efforts and for the opportunity to speak.

Election Results

Judy Butson announced the results of the election of officers as follows:

President	Grant Spates
Vice President, Caledonia County	Tom Robinson
Vice President, Essex County	Reginald Bunnell

Vice President, Orleans County

Paul Monette

Secretary/Treasurer

Fred Saar

A motion for ratification of the election results by Conrad Doyon, seconded by Mark Whitworth, carried unanimously.

Other Business

David Snedeker closed the meeting by thanking the guest speakers, Lyndon State College and the NVDA staff. At this time a plaque for 25 years of service was presented to Judy Butson.

A motion by Conrad Doyon and duly seconded, to adjourn the meeting, carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.