

## Board Minutes

June 15, 2017

Thursday, June 15, 2017

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: Northern Stage- 74 Gates St, White River Junction, VT 05001

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**Directors Present:** Bob Haynes, Tom Kennedy, Jenn Colby, Marvin Harrison, William Dakin, Kristi Morris, Walter Martone, Mel Adams, Bushrod Powers, Paul Haskell, Jerry Fredrickson, John Lawe, Bob Flint

**Also Present:** Christopher Damiani

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### Call to Order

Bob Haynes, President, called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM and Chris Damiani recorded the minutes. A quorum of directors was present.

It was discussed at the beginning of the meeting that no actions would be taken because some of the documents for the board meeting were not distributed early enough to meet open meeting law. The four organization directors will pick a new date to take action on the actionable items and send out related documents.

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**Approval of December 8, 2016 Minutes - Action: No Action Taken**

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**Election of Officers- Action: No Action Taken**

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**Bylaw Adoption- Action: No Action Taken**

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**FY 18 Budget- Action: No Action Taken**

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**FY17 Grant – All Partners**

*SWCRPC- Tom Kennedy*

SWCRPC has focused on providing trainings and has worked with member communities on capital budgets to help prioritize maintenance work and forecast needs for the community. They have also worked around the question of “ How to grow the Grand List” as there is disparity between the northern and southern parts of the district.

*SRDC- Bob Flint*

SRDC has focused on workforce development projects such as developing a training program and using wraparound services to tie everything together. They have also worked on the issue of internet capacity in their region.

*TRORC- Chris Damiani*

TRORC has worked on continuing the momentum from the Creative Economy report that was completed in 2016. They have focused on the Creative Economy Network to help develop the regional entity (3CVT) as well as continuing partnerships with artists and representatives from artistic enterprises to help develop the network. They have also worked on updating the website and dashboard to display the data that the partner organizations have been compiling.

*GMEDC- Bob Haynes*

GMEDC has worked on implementing some of the Creative Economy action items with a focus on the Dartmouth Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship. They are working with Mary Lou Aleskie who recently joined the organization after the departure of Maria Laskaris to develop that relationship.

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**FY18 Work Plan- Action: No Action Taken**

Bob Flint mentioned that he went to the EDA resilience conference in Boston a few weeks ago. He brought up a quote that one of the speakers said “The importance of harnessing the capabilities of civil society”. He added that this year we should all think about resilience in the work that we do. There needs to be a focus on business resilience, working with business to help them be prepared in the event of a disaster.

Tom Kennedy said that he wants to focus on the interaction with hospitals especially around housing.

Chris Damiani said that TRORC will build on existing and new relationships with the Mt. Ascutney Prevention Partnership and Gifford Medical Center. Chris also said they will continue to work with the regional creative network on networking.

Bob Haynes and his office will continue to focus on the impacts of the creative economy in the region through a regional creative economy entrepreneurial program.

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## **Treasurers Report- Bob Flint**

Bob F. mentioned that the report was distributed earlier that day by email and was an update of the report that the Executive Committee had reviewed at their meeting last month. All of the EDA funds had been received and dispersed and the District will end the year in the black.

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## **District Peer Review- Chris Damiani**

Chris relayed to the group that the review was delayed due to budget restrictions at EDA. Matt is possibly looking at September for an in person review. If it looks like budgets will continue to be a problem in the fall as well they the review may happen over the phone.

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## **New Board Member Discussion-**

There was a brief discussion around new board members. No changes were suggested at this time.

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## **Partner Roles for FY 17**

- a. GMEDC & SRDC: Workshop Locale and Speakers
- b. SRDC: Annual EDA Evaluation
- c. SWCRPC:
  - i. Administer EDA FY17 Grant
  - ii. Annual EDA Report
- d. TRORC
  - i. Apply for EDA FY17 Grant

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## **Partner Roles for FY 18**

- a. TBD: Workshop Locale and Speakers
- b. SWCRPC:
  - ii. Administer EDA FY18 Grant
- c. GMEDC: Annual EDA Report
- d. TRORC
  - iii. Apply for EDA FY18 Grant
  - iv. Annual EDA Evaluation

## **Other Business**

It was discussed that the workshop has been once a year and that areas of interest for future workshops should be around workforce housing, infrastructure, transportation, and high speed internet access. The internet access discussion should look at the places that currently have broadband coverage and how we can work to help reach the remaining towns that don't have coverage.

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## **Adjourn- Action**

**Motion to adjourn:** 6:04 pm

Motion to Adjourn: Bushrod Powers

Seconded: Walter Martone

No further discussion

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