

Northern Vermont Economic Development District

Minutes of December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Location: Lamoille County Planning Commission

- Co-Chair Tasha Wallis called the meeting to order at 1:10
- John Mandeville moved to accept the minutes of October 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, motion was seconded by Reg Beliveau. The motion passed. Please note the attached attendance matrix to see who was in attendance.
- Catherine gave an overview of the Partnership Planning Grant
- Our guest presenter was Linda Rossi the State Director of the Small Business Development Center based out of Vermont Technical College. Linda shared the organizational makeup, touching on the work of the business counselors and some of the specialist that they have on staff. Linda offered to collaborate with NVEDD in the future as we continue to focus on the CEDS.
- Tim S. shared the upcoming meeting dates for 2017 and encourage the Board to put the dates in their calendars. The upcoming dates are:
  - Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>
  - Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>
  - Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>
- John Mandeville shared the results of the outreach he made to those Board members who have not attended a meeting for more than a year. All of the individuals that John reached out to have chosen not to continue on the Board. The County vacancies were as follows:
  - Northeast Kingdom – two vacancies
  - Lamoille County – three vacancies
  - Franklin County – two vacancies
  - Grand Isle – one vacancy

The Board had a conversation about potential nominees for the vacancies and we would reach out to interested individuals to gauge their level of interest. We will vote on the nominees at the February meeting.

- The Board had a discussion re: how the NVEDD Board would endorse/support EDA grant applications. The Executive Committee was to meet and come back to the Board with a recommendation at the Feb. meeting.
- No NVEDD CEDS discussion
- Motion to adjourn at 2:47