

Northern Vermont Economic Development District

Minutes from August 30, 2018 Executive Committee Meeting

Location: Lamoille County Planning Commission Offices, Morrisville, VT

Attendees: John Mandeville (LEDC), Tasha Wallis (LCPC), Catherine Dimitruk (NRPC), Tim Smith (FCIDC) via telephone, David Snedeker (NVDA). Absent: John Morley (NVDA), Sherri Potvin (Grand Isle).

- Meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM.
- C. Dimitruk began the meeting by discussing the scope of work for the coming FY's EDA Planning Grant. Tasks will essentially remain the same as the current year's scope. Quarterly report due dates will be updated; Performance indicators will be reviewed; district GIS Mapping & Analysis will be completed as part of Task 2.
- C. Dimitruk opened a discussion on Performance Indicators. These will be reviewed over the Sept. – Dec. 2018 period. The goal is to have indicators that are easily measurable without having to create/develop data. Mention was made of the United Way's "Clear Impact" measures.
- The group discussed NVEDD Board makeup. There are 21 members currently, with 8 members from Franklin County, 7 members from the NEK region, and 6 members from Lamoille County. New members are needed from the NEK.
- The group discussed topics for upcoming meetings. Broadband was discussed as a topic for October; Workforce Development was mentioned as a topic for December; Community Wastewater was listed as a topic for February; and, other discussions on the LVRT and EDA's REDS initiative were also mentioned.
- A new application for EDA funding will need to be developed by the NVEDD group. Assistance will be needed.
- The group discussed project funding applications going in to EDA. Newport (water tower), Hardwick (multi-tenant business facility), Burke (water/snowmaking), Johnson (park), and Fairfax (infrastructure for business development) were all listed.
- C. Dimitruk will be conducting RPC/RDC monitoring visits before June 2019.
- The request to the Treasurer's office to collect the EDCNV's unclaimed funds was submitted on 8/24/18.
- The committee discussed a process for issuing "Letters of Conformance" for NBRC funding applications. These will be issued by NVEDD if the project conforms to the adopted CEDS. NVEDD will not issue "letters of support", but individual members may choose to do so.
- The committee discussed its role in the review of NBRC applications. NVEDD would like an increased role in advising ACCD's process, but not the selection process due to possible conflicts of interest.
- Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:30pm.
(Notes submitted by D. Snedeker)