

## Northern Vermont Economic Development District

### Minutes from December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting

Location: Northern Vermont University – Lyndon campus

- Meeting was called to order at 12:20
- Motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Mike W and seconded by Paul M. Motion was approved. Ann N sustained
- Catherine shared that our three year EDA Administrative Grant is coming to an late spring of 2019. We will be submitting another application.
- The Board discussed upcoming meetings and what topics would we like to see presentations on:
  - February 5<sup>th</sup> meeting – we would reach out to Kathy Lavoie and Greg Stefanski to present on Education
  - April 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting Tim and Catherine would organize a presentation on Workforce Development
  - June 4<sup>th</sup> meeting would focus on wastewater in small towns, Dave and Tasha would work to pull a presentation together.
    - Ann was going to investigate meeting at a Johnson State site
  - We will not be having a meeting in August, 2019
  - The October 1<sup>st</sup> meeting will have a presentation on Outdoor Recreation Trails and this will be pulled together by Catherine, Tasha and led by Dave.
- We will be looking for volunteers to jump in to help with logistics.
- Northern Borders Regional Commission will now cover the entire state of Vermont. The extension of the region was in the Farm Bill

#### **Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy:**

- Catherine and Karen G. are looking a list of 20 indicators. Karen is focused on the economic impact indicators
  - Karen is also looking for some success stories from each region so that she can share these in the CEDS

- The success stories are due the second week of January
  - The draft of the update will be put on line when ready.
- Katherine Sims organized a panel discussion on telecommunications/broadband. The discussion was focused on what small towns can do to improve their broadband service.
- The Board meeting was adjourned at 3:50

**Respectfully submitted by**

**Tim Smith**

**NVEDD Secretary**