

Northern Vermont Economic Development District
April 12, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order 1:04

We did introductions, we had new attendees join us.

Nomination to appoint Courtney to the Board – Tasha made the motion seconded by Emily. Motion passed unanimously.

Dave Snedeker and Annie McLean made a presentation regarding the Yellow Barn. Partners include:

- Jasper Hill
- Cabot Cheese
- Agricultural Center

Budget is 11-12 million development costs. Assorted revenue sources to include Community Loan Fund, ACCD Capital Investment Grant, Senate appropriations, among others.

Received only one bid which was \$6 million over budget. Four years in the making. Parcel is 4.7 acres. Town of Hardwick will be the owner.

The NVEDD Board often fields request for letters of support for grant opportunities. It is the policy of the Executive Committee that we will draft a letter of compliance relative to our CEDS but not a support letter per se.

Chris Saunders will be leaving Senator Leahy's office after almost 20 years. His replacement will be Jeff Van Oot along with Charles Martin. Will Stevens was representing Senator Sanders office, Will was a former Vermont Representative in Montpelier.

Fauna from Congressman Welch's office touched on funding legislation (Restaurant Relief) to assist restaurants. Monday April 18th is the deadline for the appropriation request. Will shared the Senator's appropriation deadline and Senator Leahy's deadline has passed. Tasha thanked the delegation for their help with the Elmore Store. Paul M. touched on a conversation with Senator Sanders re: the Newport VA clinic.

Do we want to meet in person and visit a potential project? Tasha suggested a Smuggler's Notch visit, to look at an environmental project, or the visit the Rail Trail and lastly possibly a visit to St. Albans City and do a downtown walk. Consensus was to visit St. Albans Downtown.

PARTNER UPDATES: Natalie from ACCD, they have received many NBRC application inquiries. NBRC Letters of interest will need to be submitted by April 22nd. The federal allocation is \$4.5 million.

Annie McLean shared info re: a funding search tool that are available in the NVDA region. Annie showed the website which will be on the NVEDD website.

Discussion on WordPress for NVEDD funding tool

Discussion on keeping website updated and relevant

Discussed Meeting Dates:

- June - St. Albans City Tour Onsite
- August – Off
- October 4th
- Dec 6th

Old Business

- Discussed Chairs – No decision made
- Paul to review Bylaws
- Discuss June Meeting

New Business – Tasha

- Broadband and CUD – How the addition of broadband to new areas will impact our district.
- \$60 Million needed to complete Google buildout
- Public Services Department, loans via VEDA, grants.
- Tasha – Questions to NLCT, NLSL, NATO Development
- Pat – Contact CUD's for possible info @ June Meeting

Meeting Closed at 2:40