

MEETING OF THE GMEDC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, December 12, 2019

4:00pm – 5:30pm

Hartford Town Hall

172 Bridge Street, Room 2

White River Junction, VT 05001

Members Attending: Joe Boyd – Board Chair, Lisa Henderson – Vice-Chair, Ken Cadow, Ed Childs, Jim Masland (joined 4:06pm), Russell North (joined 4:34pm), Monique Priestley (by phone), Steve Reid, Peter Schaal and Cathy Tempesta

Members Absent: Pat Moulton

Staff Attending: Bob Haynes and Mark Condon

Chair Remarks and Welcome

With quorum reached, Board Chair Joe Boyd call the meeting to order at 4:02pm.

Joe asked if there were any changes that should be made to the agenda? None were requested.

Jim Masland joined the meeting at 4:06pm.

Consent Agenda

Minutes

The Board reviewed the submitted drafts of the minutes from the October 17th, 2019 Board Meeting. Joe asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

Motion: Ed Childs moved to approve the minutes of the October 17th, 2019 Board meeting as submitted. Steve Reid seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with an abstention from Monique Priestley who had not attended that meeting.

Joe Boyd delayed discussion on the Financial Report until later in the meeting as Board Treasurer Russ North had not arrived yet

Board Action Agenda

Audit FY2019

Bob Haynes reported to the Board that A.M.Peisch continues to work on the single audit for FY2019. We expect the audit to be completed by the January Board Meeting.

Workforce Summit

Bob said our Workforce Summit on November 19th at VTC was very successful. It was the 10th one out of 12 such summits that were taking place statewide. Ken Cadow made the lunchtime presentation at the event.

Valley Motors/ GW Plastics BRELLA Project

Bob said the EPA grant was submitted on the deadline of December 3rd as planned. GMEDC purchased the property from GW Plastics two weeks ago as we had to own the property prior to submitting the application. We will be notified if we are awarded the grant in May.

Barker Solar

Bob Haynes and Jim Masland will be attending the Thetford Selectboard meeting on Monday, December 16th to discuss this project. The hope is for the Selectboard to sign a preferred site letter of which we will provide them a draft of.

Belmains

Bob continues to show this commercial space in Randolph to prospective buyers.

Regional Plan

Bob said things seem to be improving with TRORC working with some of the towns on their requested changes to the Regional Plan. Bob said he had lunch with Peter Gregory and suggested to him that GMEDC and TRORC can get more done if they work together.

Board Candidates

Bob discussed two potential candidates for the Board who he would like to meet Joe Boyd.

Legislative Actions

Bob reported that at Rep. Charlie Franchino's request, he gave a short testimony on Wednesday evening, December 11th at a hearing of Rural Economic Development Working Group (REDWnG) of the Vermont House of Representatives. He spoke on the importance of affordable housing and daycare for rural economic development.

Russ North joined the meeting at 4:34pm.

Finance Report

Board Treasurer Russ North presented and answered questions on the Financial Report for the period of July – October 2019.

Motion: Ed Childs made a motion to accept the Financial Report for the period of July – October 2019 as submitted. Jim Masland seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Project Progress Report

Bob had submitted his Confidential Project Progress Report with the Board materials. He asked if there were any questions that could be asked outside of Executive Session? There were none.

Executive Session

Ed Childs made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel items. Jim Masland seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The meeting went into Executive Session at 5:03pm.

The meeting came out of Executive Session at 5:20pm.

Adjournment

Jim Masland made a motion to adjourn. Ed Childs seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:21pm.