**SEVEDS Board Meeting Minutes**

**January 21, 2016 | 2 pm-4 pm BDCC**

**In Attendance:  Dutch Walsh, Patrick Moreland, Bill Colvin, Jill James, Bob Stevens, Drew Riachards, Martin Langeveld , Avery Schwenk, Susan McMahon, Kristin Mehalick, Alex Beck**

**Via Conference Call:  Berta Maginniss**

The Usual Business

* Welcome and Gathering
* [Approve Minutes](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1D_UZJUCBj0EU5p-IrTaNT1pfpNc0HCEIGhzLukA8ZDk/edit?usp=sharing)
  + Minutes Approved
* Review and Approve Financials – Jill
  + Peter Yost Motions
    - Approved

CEDS and FY ‘16 Board Priority Area Updates

* **General CEDS**

* + CEDS Objective 1: Act Regionally
  + Selectboard Meeting Attendance Update – Kristin
    - To be moved to Substantive Discussion
  + Meeting Location for February SeVEDS Board Meeting
    - Next meeting will be at BDCC, February 11th 2-4pm

* **CEDS Objective 4: Increase the size and quality of the workforce**

* + Board 2016 Priority: Workforce Development and Internship Program
    - FYI – 2 New Internship Opportunities Posted
      * 2 New Opportunites – Gathering Place and Weathering Heights
      * Suggestion to look into summer educational program to place interns at. Expand past our public schools. After school program at the Y runs a regional program
    - FYI – 1 Intern Placed at Rich Earth Institute
    - 6 Interns in Process
    - Conversation with Bennington County re:Internship Program scheduled Feb. 1
      * So.VT Zone Workforce Development Suggestions
        + Meeting on Feb. 1st – opportunities to partner on internship program. Discussion around collaboration and opportunities for the internship program. Looking to expand the pool where we get our workforce from.

* **CEDS Objective 5: Retain and attract younger talent through engagement linkages, lifestyle amenities, and meaningful career opportunities**
* Board 2016 Priority: SoVT Recruiting
* January Event at Grafton Ponds “After Hours”
* Fundraiser planned for February 27th at 7:00 pm , “Creative Black Tie Gala”, currently

           looking for sponsorship and in-kind auction prizes.

* Event Proposal
  + - Solicitation Letter-*please consider supporting or sponsoring!*
    - Tickets available at[youngprosgala.eventbrite.com](http://youngprosgala.eventbrite.com/)

* **CEDS Objective 2: Create an entrepreneurial environment and culture to enhance existing business and grow new business.**

* + Board 2016 Priority:
    - Formed Accelerator Steering Committee
      * First Committee meeting Tuesday 1/26
      * Patrick Moreland, RT Brown, Luke Stafford, Hannah Grimes, Ian from Green River, Martin Langeveld, Logic Branch
    - Accelerator Feasibility Study Process Update – Kristin
      * Concerns/Questions remain about the deliverables, program structure, timeline, and eventual cost- To be addressed at Committee Meeting
    - Reference Material: [Accelerator Feasibility Study](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B66Q1ithzaq6VUxqZ08xZkhrenNSc0tfS2lEUGsyWHZlV1dn/view?usp=sharing)

* **CEDS Objective 3: Improve wage parity with the surrounding laborshed**

* + Board 2016 Priority: Green Building, Healthcare, Tech Driven Precision Manufacturing
    - FYI:  [Update on work with Consultant Team:](https://www.dropbox.com/s/2p97h1z4uilehxu/RunningUpdateSummariesGBClusterAcceleratorDevelopmentWork.pdf?dl=0) – Kristin
      * Frank Knott and Jim Haguewood in region week of January 25, 2016
* Reference Material: [GB Cluster Analysis](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B66Q1ithzaq6MjI2VFpXdHRLNF84S0RBRjhGbUozLWlJOE4w/view?usp=sharing)
  + - FYI:  [Green Building Leadership Team](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1wKIh27RLsg6Z2nY19SbZ4tjOjAddyWXPxmlQUFy8Mi8/edit?usp=sharing) progress – Bob
    - FYI: Milestone One Event, January 27th 3:00 pm – 5:30 pm, Marlboro Graduate School, Please RSVP to Kristin Mehalick
      * Reference Material: [Industry Cluster Development Guidebook](https://www.dropbox.com/s/9kavf1w1ykefdaj/SeVEDS%20101615%20Cluster%20Guide%20%20Planv5%20copy.pdf?dl=0)

**Substantive Discussions**

* Town Meeting Day – SeVEDS Board Participation – Kristin
  + Need to develop 1 page/primer for Board members to support SeVEDS programming
  + Have been presenting SeVEDS projects to Selectboards across Windham
    - Petitioned 3 towns
      * Westminster
      * Vernon
      * Marlboro
    - Warned in:
      * Brattleboro-March 19th
      * Dover
      * Londonderry
      * Putney
      * Rockingham & Bellows Falls
      * Wilmington
  + Town Meeting Day:
    - Define Strategy to deliver narrative that will be most readily accepted
    - Ensure we have descriptive handouts for townspeople
      * FAQ’s, easy to digest
      * Try to get it into the town report
    - Young Professionals need to be included

Other Business / Announcements (as needed)

Next Regular Board Meeting will be on Thursday, February 11th  2pm-4pm.  Location BDCC