Minutes SeVEDS Board Meeting
February 16, 2012 – 2-4PM
Hannah Cosman Room Brattleboro

In attendance: Bob Stevens, Jenna Pugiliese, Jeff Lewis, Barb Sondag, Lisa Sullivan, Susan McMahon, Julia Sorenson, Colby Dix, Bill Colvin, Patrick Moreland, Laura Sibilia
Absent: Stephan Morse, Drew Richards, Dan Yates, David Alstadt, Gregg Noble, Tim Cullenen

Bob called the meeting to order at 2 PM.   Lisa moved to approve the minutes from 01/19 and 2/2 – second by Jeff **VOTE: Unanimous**

Financials – tabled

Request from Green Island to present to SeVEDS – Multiple members of SeVEDS Board have heard the presentation from the Green Island Project.  The board asked Laura to contact them and see if they wanted to meet with her.

Possible Executive Committee Recommendation for Plan and Budget review for 2012 – Board asked Laura to update work spreadsheet with calendar for budgeting.

Update on grant application – Laura had no update to report on the CEDS EDA application.

Upcoming Road Shows: Bob and Laura will present SeVEDS update on Tuesday February 21 at 6 PM – Brattleboro Selectmen.  Barb and Bob will present SeVEDS update on Tuesday February 28th 7:30 PM – Windham Regional Commission Westminster Center School, Westminster, VT

Updates on Upcoming Grant/Project opportunities and connection to SeVEDS

CDBG Disaster funds – Laura reported there was no update from ACCD on whether or not HUD had approved their waiver requesting Windham and Rutland Counties be added to the 80% designation for 21 million in funds.

EDA Disaster Recovery – Windham/Bennington: There was a general discussion about working with Bennington County on a combined Region EDA Disaster Recovery Grant for capacity.  Bill spoke about Bennington’s willingness to proceed in this exploration.

Laura updated the board on an action taken by the Town of Wilmington to bring on one day a week interim project development person in to continue project development after FEMA leaves.  Discussion about brining on similar regional capacity.  Lisa Sullivan motioned to spend up to 5,000 to hire one a day week project development assistance for the region for March 1 – July 31.  2nd by Colby Dix **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

Project Updates – if any

PR/Marketing meeting set for Monday March 5th at Brattleboro Retreat

Workforce/CCV/VTC updates – Next meeting March 9 2-4 pm Jeff and Barbara to be added to WF group with Stephan, David, Colby, Julia.  Jenna to send Stratton HR.

Post VY – none

Task Force Discussion – Young Professionals Group (Jenna, Lisa, Colby) will meet March 8th at 6 PM at Apres Vous in Wilmington

Meeting Schedule discussion: The board discussed a trial board/TF schedule as follows: 1st Thursday for Task Force and 3rd for SeVEDS Board.  Summaries from the Task Force Meetings will be forwarded to the Board.