**Minutes SeVEDS Board meeting
2-4 Thursday June 13 \* Brattleboro Municipal Center \* Hannah Cosman**

In attendance: Jill James, Ariel Brooks, Ann Andresatos, Pat Moulton Powden, Dutch Walsh, Dave Altstadt, Martin Langeveld, Jeff Lewis, Patrick Moreland, Adam Grinold, Bob Stevens, Stephan Morse, Bill Colvin, Julia Sorensen, Susan McMahon, Drew Richards, Lisa Sullivan, Jenna Pugliese (2:10), Mark Madsen (via phone)

Drew called the meeting to order at 2:04

The board heard from Mark Madsen on the upcoming four region June meetings and how they would be conducted:

* Compare assets and challenges region to region
* Identify commonalities
* Community will identify gaps and correct
* This is the connect phase where we start linking assets to opportunities and to people
* We will issue the call for projects

Discussion about strategies – Mark says they will be refined.

Perceptions that must be dealt with:

1. Mixed perception on QoL – is reality in line with the perception?
2. Disturbing trend of drug culture and permissiveness – short term discussion grounded in data
3. Education and workforce: K-12 is great or K-12 is not working – which?
4. Economic Development and Wealth Creation are negative

Strategies to be added/expanded:

1. Development and redevelopment capacity
2. More regional collaboration
3. Attracting and retaining young people
4. Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Opportunities:

1. Green Building and high performance building materials
2. Colleges collaboration with ski-resorts
3. 2nd homeowners convert to workforce

Bob made a motion to approve the minutes of May 23, 2013, 2nd by Susan VOTE: unanimous

Patrick made a motion to approve a contract to Woodard Design $9800 to design and layout the Windham Region CEDS 2nd by Jeff VOTE: 14 YEA 1 Abstention

After the May meeting, an opportunity to bring on an intern, called for in the FY 14 workplan, came to light. Sam Stevens has been interning for the workforce effort without charge during the month of June. Pat has requested the ability to pay him as of July 1.

Susan made a motion to hire Sam Stevens as a summer intern, 2nd by Lisa VOTE: 14 YEA 1 abstentions

Second review of FY 14 Workplan – Jill thinks we need to include leveraging the knowledge around Employee Owned companies that we have in the area.

Board expressed concern on 10K private funding projection in FY 14 budget. Because of changes to ACCD reimbursement and that EDA funds via reimbursement for CEDS work, FY 13 budget was closer than expected. Some would like to see 10K mitigated so we don’t fall short in FY 14.

Board adjourned at 4:10