SeVEDS Board Minutes  
December 19th 2 – 4 pm   
Hannah Cosman Room

In attendance: Adam Grinold, Bill Colvin, Martin Langeveld, Drew Richards, Ariel Brooks, Cynthia Stoddard, Stephan Morse, Jenna Pugliese, Susan McMahon, Lisa Sullivan, Jill James, Patrick Moreland, Dutch Walsh (by phone)Pat Moulton Powden, Laura Sibilia

Jenna called the meeting to order at 2:05

Drew gave Treasurers report. Stephan moved to approve financials from November 30, 2013 seconded by Adam – VOTE: unanimous

Adam moved to approve minutes from November 12th, 2013 seconded by Bill – VOTE: unanimous

Pat noted that Jeff was not in attendance and there was an open question regarding her taking a seat on the board. Discussion ensured. Stephan noted that the corporate structure and organization between BDCC and SeVEDS needs clarity. Pat said that was an open discussion item at both boards. Stephan is concerned that if there is a disagreement SeVEDS could be left hanging. Martin said this board (SeVEDS) should stay in place. Jenna asked for Pat’s placement on the board to be put on the January agenda. Jenna would like the SeVEDS executive committee meet with the BDCC executive board.

Board reflections on the CEDS rollout December 5th:

PMP – went really well, EDA was impressed. Collecting comments and letters of support to include with submission to EDA  
Stephan – A lot of native Vermonters in attendance!  
Dutch – BF Manager and others in attendance were impressed with the amount of work and the importance of the project  
Adam – seem to be starting to turn the tide

We need more copies distributed and they are expensive, Laura to get other quotes – check with Howard printing

Public comments consideration and edits - CEDS content committee will review. SeVEDS Board will approve changes at January 16th meeting. Tracking for Jan 31 submission to EDA

Laura request to move budget items in CEDS remaining budget funds approximately 5K to allow for implementation and funding calendar creation

Updates on projects underway

**Workforce** – **PMP**  
New Workforce Development Director hired but hasn’t given notice yet. Will start January 13th. The BDCC board has agreed to backstop the funding for the position if there is a shortfall in SeVEDS municipal fundraising efforts.

Pat is working with the WHEC and hoping to hire grant funded Internship Coordinator in mid-January. Lara and Pat are hoping to have the paid YP coordination become a part of that job.

Hiring Inventory is progressing. Windham and Bennington are both putting in grant requests to DOL for funding to complete workforce best practice efforts.

**Clusters**

Green Building – continuing to meet with group and Frank from Vital Economy – goal is to do cluster analysis.

Technology – Laura is working to set up a knowledge group to begin looking at ways to develop this cluster in light of the significant capacity of the fiber network. Jill asked for more details to be presented to the board.

**Manufacturing Communities Designation** – Bill, Dutch, Susan Laura and Anthony are reviewing the criteria for this designation opportunity to see if a Southern Vermont application has merit.

**SoVermont Sustainable Marketing Project** – Laura presented the boards with the narrowed down versions of the logo

**Fundraising** – Pat and Laura have been to numerous select board meetings and more to go. Reception has been thoughtful and positive. Requests to be included as a warned article have been mostly successful.