

**DRAFT SEVEDS Board Minutes**  
**October 18, 2018 3:00 – 5:00 pm at BDCC**

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Attending: Josh Druke, Meg Streeter, Drew Richards, Ashley Havreluk, Susan McMahon, Luke Stafford, Bill Colvin, Avery Schwenk, Adam Grinold, Laura Sibia, Mary Ann Kristiansen

SeVEDS Welcome & Gathering – Meg

5 minutes

Business

Drew moved to Approve Minutes from SeVEDS Sept meeting, Susan seconded – vote unanimous  
Drew Moved and Susan seconded to Ratify SoVermont Leadership in Economic Development Award decision made in September for Annual Meeting March 1<sup>st</sup> - vote unanimous

Updates

CEDS Nov Joint RED and Public Input Sessions, coming up, please try to attend. We need to make sure successes are communicated.  
Southern Vermont YP – membership drive underway.

Substantive discussion

Connectivity Summit – Laura talked about the upcoming event, to empower local communities to start drafting their own solutions

Putnam Financing – Bill reviewed 17 different funding sources in the Bennington Putnam Project IEDC Awards, Flood Recovery and Discussion - Laura and Adam shared points of inspiration and awards received at IEDC conference

1. We need to use scenario analysis as an economic development strategy
2. Housing crisis defined as “a sense of housing affordability in communities that people with choices want to live in
3. Rural regions are unaware they are operating in a global economy

Meeting ended at 5:05 pm

**Upcoming Dates:**

- BDCC Annual Meeting November 1, 2018 4-6 Brattleboro Music Center
- Tentative SeVEDS/RED Meeting November 9 4-6 Wilmington
- CEDS Public Input
- Connectivity Summit November 28, 2018
- Southern Vermont Summit May 22-23 2018