

SEVEDS Board Meeting Minutes
October 20, 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm, BDCC

Meeting Attendees: Bob Steves, Adam Grinold, Patrick Moreland, Avery Schwenk, Konstantin von Krusenstiern, Bill Colvin, Susan McMahon, Meg Streeter, Laura Sibia, Ann Aandreasatos , Candace Pearson, Meg Streeter, Drew Richards, Kristin Mehalick, Josh Druke. Guests: Mary Ann Kristiansen, Shannon Primrose and Chelsea Nunez

The Usual Business

- Welcome and Gathering – Bob Stevens
- Introduction of Young Professional Members – Kristin Mehalick
- Approve Minutes
 - Motion: Patrick Moreland
 - Second: Avery Schwenk
 - Approved by all

Substantive Discussions

- IEDC Conference Presentations – Kristin Mehalick & Adam Grinold
 - Kristin Mehalick provide an overview and lessons learned from attending the International
- Tri-State White Paper Event – Kristin Mehalick & Laura Sibia
 - This is a harvest of the “lessons learned” by the Tri-State Region team comprised of the Franklin Regional Council of Governments in Massachusetts, the Southwest Region Planning Commission in New Hampshire, and the Windham Regional Commission and Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation in Vermont in the wake of the closure of the Vermont Yankee (VY) Nuclear Power Station. The Windham Region is host to the nuclear power station itself, while together the Tri-State Region area is home to the vast majority of those employed by the plant and where the loss of VY employees, employee income, as well as indirect and induced job loss, will be most acutely experienced.
 - Comments: U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy – Vermont; U.S. Congressman Peter Welch – Vermont; U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development Matt Erskine; Adam Grinold, Executive Director – Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation
 - Presentation: Chris Company, Executive Director – Windham Regional Commission; Linda Dunlavy, Franklin County – Regional Council of Governments, Tim Murphy, Executive Director – Southwest Region Planning Commission; Laura Sibia, Director of Economic Development – Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation
 - Link to the final report can be found at:
 - <http://brattleborodevelopment.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/White-Paper-Final.pdf>
- SeVEDS 2017 – 2018 Town Funding Requests– Kristin Mehalick & Adam Grinold
 - The board discussed the upcoming 2017-2018 FY funding request amount for the 27 towns located in the Windham Region.
 - The board determined a need to get broader and an increase in town participation across the region.
 - Discussion on per capita funding request for FY 2017-2018: request for \$3 per tax payer.

- Motion: Meg Streeter
 - Second: Ann Aandreasatos
 - Opposed: Patrick Moreland
 - Majority Approved
- Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs) – Kristin Mehalick
 - Already addressing many of these action items in the CEDs through the following programs: Fast Tracks to Success, Young Professionals, Internship Programs, Southern Vermont Economic Project, Instig8, GSP, Chroma,
 - Review of each of the CEDs Objectives with the plan to take a deeper dive into each of the objectives and action plans at a later date
 - Need to look at timeline for preparation moving into the next CEDs
 - Action plan related to communication for SeVEDs –
 - SeVEDs previously had a communications committee – is there a need for this again?

Other Business / Announcements

- Next SeVEDs Board Meeting, Thursday, November 17th from 3:00 – 5:00 pm at BDCC
- SeVEDs Mission Group Meeting, Friday, October 28th
- BDCC Annual Meeting, Thursday, October 27th from 4:00 – 6:00 pm, Latchis Theater
- Ecovation Hub Milestone 4 Event, Wednesday, November 30th at SIT/World Learning
- Attended Selectboard Meetings: ○ Dover on June 21st
 - Putney on July 27th
 - Londonderry on August 15th
 - Wilmington on August 17th
 - Thursday, August 25th at 5:30 pm Town of Marlboro
 - Monday, September 19th at 6:30 pm Town of Vernon
 - Tuesday, September 20th at 6:30 pm Town of Rockingham
 - Tuesday, September 20th at 6:15 pm Town of Brattleboro
- Upcoming Selectboard Visits:
 - Wednesday, October 26th at 6:00 pm Town of Dummerston