

SeVEDS Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2026 3:00–4:30 PM

Location: BDCC (Hybrid: In Person and via Zoom)

Attendance Board Members Present: Gary Fox, John Doty, Adam Grinold, Tom Cain, Karen Astley, Meg Streeter, Sue Westa, Drew Richards, Gretchen Havreluk, Wendy Harrison, Bill Colvin **Staff Present:** Laura Sibilia, Josh Pacheco, Meg Staloff

Call to Order & Welcome: Chair Gary Fox called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

Resignation Acknowledgment: The Board acknowledged the resignation of Keith Marks and expressed appreciation for his service. Motion: Wendy Harrison moved to accept the resignation of Keith Marks. Meg Streeter seconded. Approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: The Board reviewed the January 26, 2026 meeting minutes. Motion: Gretchen Havreluk moved to approve the minutes. Meg Streeter seconded. Approved unanimously.

Financial Reports: Josh Pacheco presented the quarterly financial report, noting revenue trends consistent with prior years and outlining funding sources, including BDCC contributions and municipal support.

Discussion included continued challenges in securing municipal contributions from certain towns and the importance of strengthening engagement moving forward. Motion: John Doty moved to accept the financial report. Drew Richards seconded. Approved unanimously.

Motion: Drew Richards moved to authorize Gary Fox to sign the Form 990. Meg Streeter seconded. Approved unanimously.

Budget Discussion: The Board discussed the upcoming budget cycle and the need to secure municipal contributions to sustain SeVEDS programming and operations. This will remain a focus for future meetings and outreach efforts.

Regional Economic Development Update: Adam provided updates on regional initiatives, including economic development projects, employer engagement efforts, and collaboration across the region.

The Board expressed interest in scheduling a joint meeting between SeVEDS and RED, potentially in June, and receiving an update on the rollout of the Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP).

Regional Housing & Real Estate Update Discussion focused on ongoing housing challenges in Windham County, including limited inventory and affordability pressures impacting workforce development.

Windham Leadership Series: Staff shared updates on recent and upcoming sessions in the Windham Leadership Series. The Board discussed strong participation and community interest, potential future topics and speakers, and opportunities to improve engagement and outcomes. The Board also expressed interest in scheduling a future visit to Green Mountain Welcome.

Executive Committee for Planning: The Board agreed to schedule an Executive Committee meeting prior to June 24, 2026.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:30 PM.

Action Items

- Continue outreach to towns to secure municipal contributions for SeVEDS.
- Coordinate a potential June CEDS meeting between SeVEDS and RED.
- Schedule a presentation on the rollout of the Community Housing Improvement Program.
- Arrange a future Board visit to Green Mountain Welcome.
- Schedule an Executive Session prior to June 24, 2026.
- Gary Fox to sign and submit the Form 990.