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**Vermont League of Cities and Towns
Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, April 4, 2019
VLCT Offices, Montpelier**

Minutes

Members Present: President Dominic Cloud, Vice President Miro Weinberger and Members Jessie Baker, Deb Beckett, Jared Cadwell, Peter Elwell, Mary Ann Goulette, Sandy Pinsonault, George Putnam, Charles Safford, and Lucrecia Wonsor.

Others Present: VLCT staff: Karen Horn, Jessica Hill, Mike Gilbar, Dean Mudgett, and Maura Carroll.

Agenda Item 1: Call to order by the President. President Cloud called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m. and welcomed all to the meeting.

Agenda Item 2: Additions and Deletions to the Agenda. On motion duly made by Member Pinsonault and seconded by Member Cadwell, the Board unanimously voted to approve the agenda.

Agenda Item 3: Consent Agenda Items. On motion duly made by Member Cadwell and seconded by Member Elwell, the Board unanimously voted to approve the consent agenda.

Agenda Item 4: Organizational Update. Maura Carroll offered an update on projects underway at VLCT, including the Customer Relations Management Program (CRM) Phase 1, the success of the Economic Development Forum in Burke on March 27 and the Selectboard Institute in Rutland on March 30, and an update on the Tax Department RFP process. She also updated the Board on the pending follow-up community meeting in Poultney and the combined meeting with Sharon, Royalton, Tunbridge and Strafford. Dean Mudgett presented an update on the VLCT branding process. Mike Gilbar provided information about net metering and how it could affect the VLCT office electric bill and Jessica Hill reported on the Governor's Wellness Award presented to VLCT. VLCT has received such an award since the inception of the program.

Maura Carroll reported to the Board that the VERB Board of Trustees requested that there be a budget committee to work with staff to better understand the development of the VLCT budget and the financial

allocation process, with representatives from each of the three Boards. On motion duly made by Member Goulette and seconded by Member Elwell, the Board voted to establish an ad hoc advisory subcommittee to review the 2020 budget process, as an opportunity to better understand the process and ask questions specifically pertaining to the funding allocations, with President Cloud and Member Elwell representing VLCT. The vote was 10-0, with Member Safford abstaining from the vote.

Agenda Item 5: Appointment to Downtown Development Board. Board members reviewed the applications received from individuals willing to serve on the Downtown Development Board and on motion duly made by Member Goulette and seconded by Member Safford, the Board voted unanimously to appoint David Allaire, Mayor of Rutland City, to serve as the VLCT representative to the Downtown Development Board.

The Board also reviewed applications for the Governor's Opioid Coordination Council and asked staff to invite Meredith Tips-McLaine to attend the next VLCT Board meeting on May 2 to further discuss the appointment.

Agenda Item 6: Legislative Update. Karen Horn and Gwynn Zakov provided the Board with an update of legislative activities. The report included updates on legislation affecting self-governance, polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), clean water and water quality funding, marijuana, education finance, rental housing, paid family leave and minimum wage, town clerk fees, Act 250 and broadband deployment. They responded to several inquiries from the Board. The Board also received a letter from the Newport City policy chief concerning VLCT's position on marijuana.

Agenda Item 10: Other Business. No other business was brought forward.

On motion duly made by Member Wonsor and seconded by Member Pinsonault, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Maura Carroll
Executive Director

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