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Vermont League of Cities and Towns Board of Directors Meeting Thursday, May 2, 2019

Minutes

Members Present: President Dominic Cloud, and Members Jessie Baker, Jared Cadwell, Peter Elwell, Bill Fraser, Mary Ann Goulette, Ken Linsley, Sandy Pinsonault, George Putnam, Charles Safford, and Lucrecia Wonsor. Vice President Weinberger attended via telephone.

Others Present: Meredith K. Tips-McLaine; VLCT staff Karen Horn, Gwynn Zakov, Jessica Hill, Mike Gilbar, Abigail Friedman, and Maura Carroll.

Agenda Item #1: Call to order by the President. President Cloud called the meeting to order at 12:22 p.m. and welcomed all to the meeting.

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

Agenda Item #4: Appointment to Governor's Opioid Coordination Council. Board members discussed the VLCT appointment to the Governor's Opioid Coordination Council with Meredith Tips-McLaine. Karen Horn reported that legislation eliminating the Council is still being discussed. After talking with Ms. Tips-McLaine, the Board determined that it should wait to make a decision until after the legislative session complete and asked staff to contact Ms. Tips-McLaine to explain that the appointment is on hold until more information is available about the future of the Council.

Agenda Item #5: Organizational Update. Maura Carroll offered an update on projects underway at VLCT, including the latest activities with the Customer Relations Management Program (CRM) Phase 1, the potential for VLCT to embark upon net metering, the status of the VLCT branding project, the recruitment for a new Communications and Marketing Director and a brief update on the Tax Department RFP process and listening tour.

Agenda Item #6: First Quarter Financials. Mike Gilbar presented the VLCT first quarter financials and responded to inquiries from the Board. On motion duly made by Member Safford and seconded by Member Pinsonault, the Board unanimously voted to approve the financial report.

Vice President Weinberger joined the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

Agenda Item #7: 2018 Annual Report. Maura Carroll presented the draft of the 2018 VLCT Annual Report prepared by the Leadership Team and the Communications and Marketing staff. On motion duly made by Member Cadwell and seconded by Member Safford, the Board unanimously voted to approve the report and to distribute it to the VLCT membership.

Agenda Item #8: 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, marijuana, education finance, rental housing, paid family leave and minimum wage, town clerk fees, lead in school drinking water and mandatory binding arbitration. They responded to several inquiries from the Board.

Agenda Item #9: Other Business. No other business was brought forward.

On motion duly made by Member Pinsonault and seconded by Member Fraser, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 2:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Maura Carroll
Executive Director

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