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Vermont League of Cities and Towns
Board of Directors Meeting
VLCT Offices
Thursday, June 6, 2019

Minutes

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

Others Present: Christopher Cole, Commissioner, Vermont Department of Buildings and General Services; Daniel Edson, State Energy Program Manager, Vermont Department of Buildings and General Services; Riley Allen Deputy Commissioner, Vermont Department of Public Service; Ed Delhagen, Clean Energy Finance & Program Manager, Vermont Department of Public Service; and Jody Lesko, Efficiency Vermont

VLCT staff: Karen Horn, Gwynn Zakov, Jessica Hill, Abigail Friedman, 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 Cadwell and seconded by Member Safford, the Board unanimously voted to approve the agenda and to move Agenda Item #7 to follow Agenda Item #4.

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

Agenda Item #4: Efficiency Projects in Municipal Buildings. President Cloud welcomed the representatives of the Department of Buildings and General Services and the Department of Public Service, as well as Efficiency Vermont, who introduced themselves to the Board. They presented the Board with information about the State's program to make state buildings more energy efficient and proposed that a collaboration between the State and VLCT could focus on improving energy efficiency in

municipal buildings. While more detailed information is needed and further discussion required, on motion duly made by Member Elwell and seconded by Member Cadwell, the Board voted unanimously to convey an expression of interest in this collaboration.

Agenda Item #7: Vermont Women Leading Local Government. Member Jessie Baker reported to the Board about the Women Leading Local Government initiative and the request made to VLCT to assist with administrative support for the group, including maintaining a membership list, serving as fiscal agent and providing logistical and planning support for events. The official kick-off for the Committee will be at Town Fair. On motion duly made by Member Fraser and seconded by Member Safford, the Board voted unanimously to support this effort.

Agenda Item #5: Organizational Update. Maura Carroll offered an update on projects underway at VLCT, including the hiring of a new Communications and Marketing Director, Elena Esteban, the wrap-up of spring workshops and an internal staff process as a follow-up to the member listening sessions in 2018.

Agenda Item #6: Nominating Committee Report. Immediate Past President and Nominating Committee Chair Jared Cadwell reported on the vacancies that will be created as of the Annual Meeting and the process the Committee will use to recruit new Board members, including interviewing nominees for the Board positions.

Agenda Item #8: Personnel Policy Change and Updated Dental Insurance Rates. Jessica Hill presented information to the Board about the change to the sick leave policy, allowing employees to donate to a sick leave pool from their accumulated vacation leave. On motion duly made by Member Beckett, and seconded by Member Safford, the Board voted unanimously to approve the change to the sick leave policy. On motion duly made by Member Safford and seconded by Member Elwell, the Board voted unanimously to accept the changes to the dental plan rates, effective July 1, 2019.

Agenda Item #9: Legislative Update. Karen Horn and Gwynn Zakov provided the Board with an update of final legislative action. The report included a review of summer study committees, clean water, marijuana tax and regulate, rental housing, broadband deployment and transportation funding. They responded to several inquiries from the Board. There was a lengthy discussion about the lack of action on self-governance legislation and mixed action on municipal charter changes. Several suggestions were made regarding continuing efforts to educate the legislature about the importance of self-governance and the experience of local officials in solving problems and accomplishing critical projects.

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

On motion duly made by Member Beckett and seconded by Member Cadwell, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Maura Carroll
Executive Director

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