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Vermont League of Cities and Towns Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Thursday, May 4, 2017

Minutes

Members Present: President Cadwell, Vice President Cloud, and Members Beckett, Elwell, Hurd, Pinsonault, Safford, Shepeluk, Simmons, Weinberger and Whittaker.

Others Present: VLCT staff members Karen Horn, Gwynn Zakov, Abigail Friedman, Jessica Hill, Dean Mudgett, Mike Gilbar, Jeremiah Breer and Maura Carroll.

Agenda Item #1: Call to order by the President

President Cadwell called the meeting to order at 12:21 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Agenda Item #2: Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

On motion duly made by Member Pinsonault and seconded by Member Beckett, the Board unanimously voted to approve the agenda as presented.

Agenda Item #3: Consent Agenda Items

On motion duly made by Member Whittaker and seconded by Member Hurd, the Board unanimously approved the Personnel Report and the minutes of the April 6, 2017 Board meeting.

Agenda Item #4: Nominating Committee Report

Member Shepeluk, chair of the Nominating Committee, reported the Committee's recommendations to the Board. On motion duly made by Member Simmons and seconded by Member Beckett, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Member Cloud to serve as Vice President of the VLCT Board and to appoint Peter Elwell to the vacancy left by Member Cloud's ascension to the Vice President position.

Agenda Item #5: Review of Final Days of the Legislature

Karen Horn and Gwynn Zakov reported on various bills that legislators continue to discuss as the 2017

session draws to a close. They responded to several inquiries from the Board.

Agenda Item #6 Appointment of Municipal Policy Committee Chairs

Board members discussed the Policy Committee rosters and agreed that Board members should chair each of the committees. Member Whittaker commented that Karen Horn and Gwynn Zakov are critical to the policy process and offer significant assistance to the various committees,

On motion duly made by Member Shepeluk and seconded by Member Pinsonault, the Board unanimously voted to appoint Member Whittaker as chair and Member Safford as vice chair of the Public Safety Committee. On motion duly made by Member Shepeluk and seconded by Member Pinsonault, the Board unanimously voted to appoint Vice President Cloud as chair of the FAIR Committee. On motion duly made by Member Shepeluk and seconded by Member Elwell, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Eric Osgood as vice chair of the FAIR Committee.

On motion duly made by Member Shepeluk and seconded by Vice President Cloud, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Member Weinberger as chair of the Quality of Life Committee and to appoint Justin Rabidoux as vice chair of the committee.

Jeff Wennberg will continue as chair of the Water Quality Committee and on motion duly made by Member Pinsonault and seconded by Member Shepeluk, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Member Elwell as vice chair of the committee. Finally, on motion duly made by Member Pinsonault and seconded by Member Shepeluk, the Board unanimously voted to appoint Member Simmons as chair and Kathleen Ramsay as vice chair of the Transportation Committee.

Agenda Item #7 Organizational Update

Maura Carroll reported on VLCT activities, including finalizing the agreement with the vendor for Cloud-based computer services and an update of the website. She also introduced Dean Mudgett, the new Communications and Marketing Director, who spoke briefly to the Board.

Agenda Item #8 Financial Update

Jeremiah Breer presented the draft 2016 year-end financial report and the first quarter VLCT financials and he and Mike Gilbar responded to inquiries from the Board. On motion duly made by Member Pinsonault and seconded by Member Simmons, the Board unanimously accepted the financial reports.

Agenda Item #9 50th Anniversary Update

Maura Carroll updated the Board on the planning for the Anniversary celebration on June 27 and discussed the draft formal program agenda and asked for comments.

Agenda Item #10 Other Business

The Board discussed the need to appoint a VLCT representative to the Downtown Development Board and reviewed the individuals who applied for that position. On motion duly made by Member Safford and seconded by Member Weinberger, the Board unanimously voted to appoint Gabrielle Ciuffreda of Guilford as VLCT's representative to the Board.

On motion duly made by Member Hurd and seconded by Member Simmons, the Board unanimously

voted to adjourn the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Maura Carroll, Executive Director

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