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**Vermont League of Cities and Towns
Board of Directors Meeting
Jointly with Members of the VLCT PACIF and VLCT VERB Boards
Virtual Meeting
Wednesday, September 30, 2020**

Minutes

Members Present: President Miro Weinberger, Vice President Peter Elwell and Members Jessie Baker, Bill Fraser, Mary Ann Goulette, Elaine Haney, Delsie Hoyt, Ken Linsley, Sandy Pinsonault, George Putnam, Charles Safford and Lucrecia Wonsor.

VERB Board Members present: President Bill Shepeluk, Vice President Carrie Johnson, and Members Joel Cope, Charles Safford, and Chris Hoyt.

PACIF Board Members present: Members David Atherton, Stuart Hurd and Patrick Moreland.

Others Present: VLCT staff members Mike Gilbar, Karen Horn, Gwynn Zakov, Jeremiah Breer, Elena Esteban, Lisa Goodell, Jim Burke, Abigail Friedman, Jessica Hill, Joe Damiata, Kelley Avery, Ione Minot and Maura Carroll.

All attended via Zoom or by telephone.

Agenda Item #1: Call to order by the President. President Weinberger called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. and welcomed all to the meeting.

Agenda Item #2: Additions and Deletions to the Agenda. On motion duly made by Member Safford and seconded by Member Linsley, the Board unanimously voted to approve the agenda with one addition – a request for VLCT support of a candidate for the second Vice President of the National League of Cities to be discussed under Other Business.

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

Agenda Item #4: Proposed 2021 VLCT Budget. Deputy CFO Jeremiah Breer and Deputy Director and

CFO Mike Gilbar presented the proposed operating budget, capital budget and dues recommendation to the Boards. They and other staff responded to inquiries. Vice President Elwell commended staff for a thoughtful budget process and a resulting conservative, workable budget. On motion duly made by Vice President Elwell and seconded by Member Haney, the Board unanimously voted to approve the proposed budget.

Agenda Item #5: Organizational Update. Maura Carroll offered an update to the Boards, including: significant preparation for Town Fair; ongoing work on the Business Alliance program, with a formal presentation to be provided later in the agenda; budget preparation; ongoing publication and information updates to members; work at the legislature until it adjourned on September 25; ongoing MAC training including local roads, performance management and local budgeting; distribution and compilation of the compensation and benefits survey and coverage renewal preparation for the PACIF and VERB Trusts.

Agenda Item #6: Business Alliance Program. Communications and Marketing Director Elena Esteban presented the program and the progress to date, recognizing members of the Communications team for their hard work and contributions to its current successful roll-out. The Board offered suggestions for potential additional business partners and commended Elena and her team for their work on the program.

Agenda Item #7: Town Fair. Staff reviewed the process for the keynote address and the Annual Meetings of all three entities scheduled for the afternoon and responded to inquiries from Board members.

Member Haney left the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Agenda Item #8: Legislative Update. Karen Horn and Gwynn Zakov discussed legislation that was adopted prior to the end of the 2020 legislative session on September 25. Discussion included legislation addressing TIF district extensions for incurring debt, cannabis, use of force and other law enforcement reforms, zoning and housing, Act 250 and miscellaneous tax bill. They responded to questions posed by Board members.

Agenda Item #9: Other Business.

d. Staff reported on a request by a member of the NLC Board for support as he is running for 2nd Vice President of the National League of Cities. After some discussion, the Board expressed concern about offering support to a candidate whom none of the Board members knew and a lack of additional information about the NLC nominating process, and took no action on the request.

e. Staff explained that the proposed meeting dates for the VLCT Board would be put on the agenda for a vote in November and asked the Board to review the dates to determine whether any conflicts might be present.

There was no other business to come before the Board.

On motion duly made by Member Linsley and seconded by Member Wonsor, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Maura Carroll

Executive Director

Board or Committee:

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