Deerfield Valley Communications Union District

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

Unapproved Draft

Meeting Date: August 5, 2026
Meeting Place: 1 School Street, Suite 2-5, Wilmington, VT and Audio/Video Conference

Attendance **(V - Member Voting and Present, P - Member Present, A - Member Absent)**

Town	Representative	P/V/A	Alternate	P/V/A	Alternate	P/V/A	Alternate	P/V/A
Brattleboro	Eric Lineback	V	Sue Fillion	A	-	-	-	-
Brookline	Marie Tattersall	A	Don Demaine	A	-	-	-	-
Dover	TJ Sibilia	A	Diane McCormick	A	Shannon Wheeler	A	-	-
Dummerston	David Evans	A	-	-	-	-	-	-
Guilford	Lynn Pancake	V	-	-	-	-	-	-
Halifax	Detlef Ronneburger	V	Tristan Roberts	A	-	-	-	-
Jamaica	James Hamilton	V	-	-	-	-	-	-
Londonderry	John Hankin	A	-	-	-	-	-	-
Marlboro	Steven John	V	Jean Boardman	A	Bob Anderson	A	-	-
Newfane	Jane Douglas	V	Ron Stieger	P	-	-	-	-
Putney	Cor Trowbridge	V	-	-	-	-	-	-
Readsboro	Jon Hill	V	Omar Smith	A	-	-	-	-
Searsburg	Jacki Murano	A	Matt Somerville	A	Tony Kilbride	A	-	-
Stamford	William Levine	V	Robert Briggs	A	-	-	-	-
Stratton	Dale Niederhauser	V	Betsy Wadsworth	A	-	-	-	-
Townshend	Andy Snelling	V	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vernon	H. Munson Hicks	V	Bronna Zlochivar	P	-	-	-	-
Wardsboro	Thomas Almeida	V	James Hamilton	P	Mike Jones	A	-	-
Westminster	Arthur Dufresne	A	Adrienne Major	A	-	-	-	-
Weston	Rusty Davis	A	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whitingham	Keith Thompson	V	Lauren Fitzpatrick	A	Scott Lewis	A	Phil Edelstein	A
Wilmington	Ann Manwaring	V	Gretchen Havreluk	A	-	-	-	-
Windham	David Cherry	V	Chris Cummings	A	-	-	-	-
Winhall	Fred Schwacke	A	-	-	-	-	-	-

OTHERS PRESENT		
Executive Director	Patrick Moreland	P
Clerk	Ann Krafcik	P
Treasurer	Denise Sullivan	A
GWI	Tom Cecere	P

1. **Welcome to Members & Guests – Introductions and Meeting Protocols**
   Steven John welcomed Governing Board members, alternates, and attendees and opened the meeting.

2. **Recording of Attendance**
   Attendance was recorded; a quorum of the Board was present.

3. **Call Meeting to Order**
   Steven John called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM.

4. **Changes to the Agenda**
   Steven John clarified that item *10. New Business - Procedure for Evaluation* should be considered *Old Business* rather than new business. No action would be taken but he would apprise the Board of the status.

   The agenda was adopted with the change by unanimous consent.

5. **Approval of Minutes – July 1, 2026**
   Munson Hicks moved to approve the minutes; David Cherry seconded. *Motion passed.* 1 abstained: Jane Douglas

6. **Treasurer's Report**
   Patrick Moreland delivered the Treasurer's Report on behalf of Denise Sullivan. DVFiber is able to meet its obligations as they come due and construction continues apace.

7. **Executive Director's Report – Executive Session as Needed**
   Patrick Moreland thanked everybody for making time and being a part of the meeting. The rest of the report was held in executive session.

   Munson Hicks moved the Governing Board enter executive session under the provisions of Title 1, Section 313a, Subsection 1A, for the purpose of discussing contracts because premature general public knowledge would place the public body at a substantial disadvantage, and under Subsection 6 to consider documents, trade secrets, or confidential business information which is exempt from public inspection and copying. The executive session included the Governing Board, officers, staff, and whom the Board chose to allow (Tom Cecere); Tom Almeida seconded. *Motion passed, unanimously.*

   The Board returned from executive session at 5:42 PM. No decisions were made and no action was taken.

   a. **Construction Update**
      No public updates reported

b. **Competitive Environment Update**
No public updates reported

c. **Grant Update**
No public updates reported

8. **Possible Action Resulting from Executive Session**
Munson Hicks moved to authorize the executive director to engage the services of Saladino Property Management for underground construction work; Keith Thompson seconded. *Motion amended.*

Andy Snelling moved to amend the motion to authorize the executive director to enter into negotiations with Saladino Property Management to establish a contract accepting their bid for the two pieces of underground construction work; seconded by Munson Hicks. *Motion passed, unanimously.*

The motion as amended
Munson Hicks moved to authorize the executive director to enter into negotiations with Saladino Property Management to establish a contract accepting their bid for the two pieces of underground construction work; Keith Thompson seconded. *Motion as amended passed unanimously.*

9. **Old Business - Procedure for Annual Evaluation of the Executive Director (Update)**
Steven John appreciated the board members who responded to the opportunity to comment and evaluate the work of Executive Director Patrick Moreland. The comments will be summarized by the Chair and Vice Chair, and every comment would be represented. The Executive Committee will receive the summary of Board comments and the self-evaluation prepared by Patrick Moreland before its regular meeting on August 19. Board members were welcomed and invited to attend. The Executive Committee would go into executive session as a personnel matter, with the plan to have an evaluation that could be shared and discussed with the Executive Director.

10. **New Business**
None

11. **Public Comment**
None

12. **Governing Board Member Comment**
None

13. Executive Session, if required

N/A

14. Adjournment

Munson Hicks moved to adjourn; Jon Hill seconded. *The meeting adjourned without objection.*