Deerfield Valley Communications Union District

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

Unapproved Draft

Meeting Date: November 4, 2026
Meeting Place: 1 School Street, Suite 2-5, Wilmington, VT and Audio/Video Conference

1. **Welcome to Members & Guests – Introductions and Meeting Protocols**
   Steven John welcomed board members and the public.

2. **Recording of Attendance**
   Attendance was recorded and a quorum was established.

3. **Call Public Hearing to Order – Statement of Purpose**
   Steven John called the public hearing to order at 5:02 PM.

4. **Public Comments - Draft 2026 Annual Report & Proposed 2027 Budget**
   No public comments or comments from member town selectboards were reported or offered regarding the draft annual report or proposed budget.

5. **Closing Remarks**
   Steven John noted that the District welcomed additional public input and acknowledged the Board's prior consideration of the annual report and budget.

6. **Adjourn Public Hearing**
   The hearing adjourned at 5:05 PM without objection.

7. **Call Regular DVFiber Board Meeting to Order**
   Steven John called the meeting to order at 5:06 PM

8. **Changes to the Agenda**
   None

9. **Approve Minutes – October 7, 2026**
   Munson Hicks moved to approve the minutes; Jane Douglas seconded. *Motion carried.*

10. **Treasurer's Report**
    Treasurer Denise Sullivan was absent. Executive Director Patrick Moreland reported that construction funded by the District had wound down. Additional financial matters were reserved for executive session.

11. **Executive Director's Report – Executive Session as Needed**

Patrick Moreland reported that substantial network construction had recently been completed and customer sign-ups were beginning in newly served areas. Additional matters were reserved for executive session.

Munson Hicks moved the Governing Board enter executive session under the provisions of 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(1)(A), for the purpose of discussing contracts because premature general public knowledge would place the public body at a substantial disadvantage, and under § 313(a)(6), to consider documents, trade secrets, or confidential business information exempt from public inspection and copying. The executive session included the Governing Board, officers, Executive Director, and Clerk; seconded by John Hill. *Motion passed.*

The Board returned from executive session.

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

b. **Grant update**
   No public updates reported

12. Possible Action Resulting from Executive Session

The Board considered the appointment of a new Treasurer, as recorded under New Business.

13. Old Business

None

14. New Business – Appoint Treasurer

Andy Snelling moved to appoint Paul Butler as Treasurer of the Deerfield Valley Communications Union District, pending resolution of the final details of an agreement with him, and to express appreciation to Denise Sullivan and Paul Butler for their time and assistance with the transition; Munson Hicks seconded. *Motion passed, unanimously.*

Steven John directed the Executive Director to complete arrangements for the transition between Denise Sullivan and Paul Butler.

15. Public Comment

None

16. Governing Board Member Comment

Steven John acknowledged favorable weather conditions that had allowed construction activities to proceed without further delay.

17. Executive Session, if required

N/A

18. Adjournment

Munson Hicks moved to adjourn; Jane Douglas seconded. *The meeting adjourned at 5:56 PM.*

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DVFiber Governing Board Attendance

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

Town	Representative		Alternate		Alternate		Alt	
Brattleboro	Eric Lineback	V	Sue Fillion	A			-	
Brookline	Marie Tattersall	A	Don Demaine	A	-		-	
Dover	TJ Sibilia	V	Diane McCormick	A	Shannon Wheeler	A	-	
Dummerston	David Evans	A	-		-		-	
Guilford	Lynn Pancake	V	-		-		-	
Halifax	Detlef Ronneburger	A	Tristan Roberts	A	-		-	
Jamaica	James Hamilton	V	-		-		-	
Londonderry	John Hankin	V	-		-		-	

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	A	James Hamilton	V	Mike Jones	A	-	
Westminster	Arthur Dufresne	A	Adrienne Major	A	-		-	
Weston	Rusty Davis	A	-		-		-	
Whitingham	Keith Thompson	V	Lauren Fitzpatrick	A	Scott Lewis	P	Phil Edelstein	P
Wilmington	Ann Manwaring	V	Gretchen Havreluk		-		-	
Windham	David Cherry	V	Chris Cummings		-		-	
Winhall	Fred Schwacke	A	-		-		-	

Others Present

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