



Catherine Dimitruk, NRPC
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Dave Snedeker, NVDA
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Charlie Baker, CCRPC
Secretary/Treasurer

VAPDA MINUTES DIRECTORS
March 2, 2023 *Via Video Conferencing*

Attendees: Bill Colvin, Christian Meyer, Charlie Baker, Tasha Wallis, Jason Rasmussen, David Snedeker, Catherine Dimitruk, Devon Neary; Chris Company

Guests: Doug Farnham, Deputy Secretary, Agency of Administration

1. Meeting called to order by the Chair, Catherine Dimitruk, at 9:31 AM.
2. Doug Farnham, Deputy Secretary, Agency of Administration, joined to discuss the **BAA Municipal Capacity and Community Need Index**. The top quartile of VT communities in the index will be pre-qualified for assistance accessing federal funding through the ARPA. RPCs will be appropriated funding to help provide this assistance directly or through subcontracts. The grant agreements are expected in the early spring and initial outreach will take place in early summer.
3. Minutes: **Charlie B. moved to accept the February VAPDA Board meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Christian M. The motion carried.**
4. Committee reports
 - a. Community Affairs – David S. discussed ongoing initiatives, including the zoning atlas, the housing bill, and the development of the work program with ACCD.
 - b. Natural resources – Tasha W. updated the group on details on municipalities contracting with regions to provide technical assistance for managing waste water and small drinking water system using SRF money. Additional written confirmation expected.

Chris C. updated the board the Urban Community Forestry project and its continued to advancement.
 - c. Emergency Management – Little to report on.
 - d. Transportation – Little to report on.
 - e. Energy and Climate – The Board shared questions on several issues in the committee chair’s absence.
5. Financial report – **Charlie B. moved to accept the July-February financial report. Jason R. seconded the motion. The motion Carried.**
6. Government Affairs – Board members discussed a number of issues relating to ongoing

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legislation.

7. Zoning Atlas – The Atlas will look to identify exclusionary single-family zoning. The project is being led by a handful of UVM graduate students. They may be reaching out to RPCs for support gathering data.
8. RPC Future Land Use Project – Working group members are in discussions on how the data should be pooled and normalized to represent the 11 methodologies previously employed by the regions.
9. Next Meeting – April 6.

Respectfully submitted,
Christian Meyer