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# Vermont Public Power Supply Authority

## MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

June 18, 2019

*Directors present (X indicates attendance in person, P indicates attendance by phone):*

	Vacant, Barton	X	James Pallotta, Ludlow
	Jonathan Elwell, Enosburg	X	Bill Humphrey, Lyndonville
	Mike Sullivan, Hardwick		Craig Myotte, Morrisville
	Carol Robertson, Hyde Park	X	Stephen Fitzhugh, Northfield
	Pamela Moore, Jacksonville		John Morley, Orleans
X	Meredith Birkett, Johnson	X	Reginald Beliveau, Swanton

*Alternates present:*

Lynn Paradis, Swanton	
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*Others present:*

Ken Nolan, VPPSA	Crystal Currier, VPPSA	Melissa Bailey, VPPSA
Julia Leopold, VPPSA	Amy Parah, VPPSA	Amanda Simard, VPPSA
Steven Farman, VPPSA	Josh Bancroft, VPPSA	Shawn Enterline, VPPSA
Heather D'Arcy, VPPSA	Kim Harris, VPPSA	Ken St. Amour, VPPSA
David Gagne, VPPSA	Tim Blodgett, Hometown Connections, Inc.	

(numbers in bold type correspond with agenda item numbers)

- (1)** The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. at the West Hill Bed & Breakfast, located at 1496 W Hill Road, Warren, Vermont.
- (2)** Chairman Beliveau asked if there were requests for changes and/or modifications to the current agenda. There were no changes.
- (3)** Chairman Beliveau asked if there were public comments and/or individuals who would like to address the Board. There was no public in attendance.
- (4)** Chairman Beliveau requested that individuals introduce themselves to Mr. Blodgett and to the group. The meeting was then turned over to the General Manager.

The General Manager provided a brief introduction and then turned the meeting over to Mr. Blodgett from Hometown Connections, Inc. Mr. Blodgett started with an overview of Hometown Connections, Inc. and then moved into a brief summary of the National challenges/pressures within the industry and related these trends to those at the local level. Some items reviewed include: the regulatory landscape, risk management (cyber-security), tax-exempt



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financing, renewable portfolio standards, changes in power supply, aging infrastructure, the public utility workforce, new technologies, evolving customer expectations, and financial pressures. It is these issues/pressures that need to be understood when looking at the strategic roadmap and moving into the future.

The General Manager provided a brief presentation that looked at the issues, pressures and trends identified by Mr. Blodgett and brought those topics to the State and/or local level. The General Manager encouraged the Board to think about two primary questions -if we were starting VPPSA today what services do you think VPPSA should offer and what skillsets should VPPSA have? As these questions are considered, where should VPPSA be in five years?

Mr. Blodgett explained that a strategic plan is essentially a road map that develops the organization's future. The goal of this meeting was to allow the Board an opportunity to review the vision, mission, and core values; and through discussions, develop the strategic priorities of the organization. The Board brainstormed strategic goals at a high level and identified obstacles that could prevent the organization from meeting those goals. VPPSA's mission, vision and values were reviewed and both the Board and staff provided comments/keywords for potential integration. VPPSA and VPPSA Member's internal Strengths and Weaknesses, and external Opportunities and Threats (SWOTs) were identified and discussed.

During the final phase of the day, the Board prioritized the strategic priorities, as areas for staff focus for the next five years.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Crystal L Currier*

Crystal Currier, Secretary