



## Special Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

July 26, 2022

### Board of Directors:

	Patricia Richards, Barton		Jonathan Elwell, Lyndonville
<b>P</b>	John Dasaro, Enosburg	<b>P</b>	Scott Johnstone, Morrisville
	Mike Sullivan, Hardwick	<b>P</b>	Stephen Fitzhugh, Northfield
	Vacant, Jacksonville	<b>P</b>	John Morley, Orleans
	Vacant, Johnson	<b>P</b>	Reginald Beliveau, Swanton
	Thomas Petraska, Ludlow		

*X indicates attendance in person, P indicates attendance by phone.*

### Alternates present:

Penny Jones, Morrisville (P)	Lynn Paradis, Swanton (P)
Chris Recchia, Barton (P)	

### Others present:

Ken Nolan, VPPSA (P)	Amanda Simard (P)	Grace Sawyer, VPPSA (P)
Sarah Braese (P)	Julia Leopold (P)	Amy Parah (P)

### Numbers in bold type correspond with agenda item numbers:

1. Chairman Beliveau called the meeting to order at 11:08 a.m.
- 2.** Chairman Beliveau asked if there were requests for changes and/or modifications to the current agenda. No changes were requested.
- 3.** Chairman Beliveau asked if there were public comments and/or individuals who would like to address the Board. There were no public comments.
- 4.** Barton RFP Discussion and Response

The request was made to have any questions or comments for Chris Recchia addressed before he exited the meeting at which time the Board would move to executive session. Director Morley had a question about the status of meter reading and asked if there was currently anything of serious concern that the Board should be aware of. Chris Recchia discussed some additional details and clarification around various points of the RFP including but not limited to; engineering needs, answering service, inventory, and vegetation management. A brief discussion ensued. Chris Recchia indicated that VEC did a flyover and should have a status on the transmission lines soon. Director



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Johnstone asked for clarity as to whether the RFP was to keep the utility running or a proposal that encompassed capital improvements to the operation of the utility. Chris Recchia indicated that as the daily work was completed, he was not opposed to a contract "change order" that included other needs. He also stated that they would not be opposed to receiving two separate bids. One that covered the daily operations as the RFP outlined and one that would be all encompassing. He also indicated that there was some sensitivity with the Trustees around the Orleans/Barton relationship. Chris Recchia exited the meeting.

Director Morley made a Motion to find that premature general public knowledge of the Authority's discussions and/or negotiations with potential counterparties would place the Authority in a position to suffer a substantial disadvantage because it would expose proposed terms of the contract negotiations. The Motion was seconded by Director Fitzhugh. Motion approved. Director Morley made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations as allowed under the provisions of Title 1, Section 313 (1)(A) of the Vermont Statutes. The motion was seconded by Director Fitzhugh. Motion approved.

The Board moved into Executive session at 11:32. The Chair and board allowed the VPPSA staff to stay for the ensuing discussion.

The Board returned to Regular Session at 12:10 pm.

No action was taken.

**5. Other Business**  
None.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Grace Sawyer*

Grace Sawyer, Assistant Controller