

Otter Creek CUD

Meeting 4/20/2022 via Zoom

Present: Van Purcell, Jessica Van Oort, Tony Ferraro, Laura Black, Bill Moore, Larry Courcelle, Mark Teetor, Jacolyn Savela, Andrew Quint, Cassandra Hayes-Goshen, Chris Custer

Call to order at 5:11

Election of officers: Tony Ferraro as Chair, Jacolyn Savela as Treasurer, Jessica Van Oort as Secretary

Changes to Executive Committee, none. Bill Moore motion, Larry Courcelle seconded. Motion passes.

New member of OCCUD: Shrewsbury has joined. Bill Moore motion to accept Shrewsbury, Larry Courcelle seconds. Motion passes.

Discuss status of RFP. It is for someone who will be operator/owner of network. Will extend time to May 25.

Another RFP for project management services went up today.

Appointment/reappointment of town reps. It seems to be in order.

Larry: VCUDA update. There is a question about whether ARPA funds that are taken with the standard allowance can then be used for CUDs. The legislature may be working on a fix for that. An RFP has been put out for entering the bond market. Wait times for materials and labor shortages are significant. Southern Vermont CUD is not asking Selectboards for ARPA funds but we are, because we want to build a network with as little debt as possible so rates will be low.

Van: Sat in on ODELCO's call with one of the towns. Question from CCI—did we want to own part or all of the network that's built? This may depend on the terms of the grants we're going to apply for from the state.

Do we want to change meeting date and time? No consensus on this.

Motion to adjourn. Larry Courcelle, Laura Black seconds. Motion passes. Adjourned 5:56