

## OCCUD Executive Committee Meeting

March 8, 2023, 5 PM

Present: Tony Ferraro, Larry Courcelle, Jessica Van Oort, Jacolyn Savela, Chris Custer, Caleb Boone, Andrew Quint

1. Call meeting to order at 5:01.
2. Approval of agenda. Motion by Tony. Seconded by Larry. Motion passes.
3. Approval of previous meeting minutes. Motion by Tony. Seconded by Andrew. Motion passes.
4. General Updates: We got the agreement signed with Vantage Point and are up and running with them as project manager.
5. Partner Discussions: The negotiations are nearly done. At this point the lawyers need to iron out a few last things. The next step is to file the construction grant application. Tony is working on getting access to the online portal so everything is ready for that application.
6. Project Manager update: Caleb Boone, consultant from Vantage Point, introduced himself and several others we will be working with.
7. VCUDA updates: They met March 7. Discussion on a digital equity grant, as well as on wireless collaborations. There are four bills in the Vermont House to watch, H159, H124, H367, and H419, all of which are related to broadband.
8. VCBB updates: Chittenden County CUD reached out to us to help them understand why we went with a project manager instead of an Executive Director. They will probably go in a similar direction as us because the vast majority of that area is already connected.
9. Grants status: H360 and H315. A grant report is due on the 15<sup>th</sup> which Vantage Point will need to help us with. For the money from H360, our invoice was lost but Jackie has sorted this out and we should get a check within the next week.
10. Financials. Warrant: It is for \$994.40. Motion to approve the warrant by Larry. Seconded by Andrew. Motion passes.
10. Other Business: At the full board meeting we have some updates to the bylaws. Town Selectboards will need to reappoint board members.
11. Set Next Meeting: April 12, 5 PM.
12. Adjournment. Motion by Tony. Seconded by Jackie. Motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 5:24.

Minutes submitted by Jessica Van Oort, secretary.