



**CVFIBER OPERATIONS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Virtually on MS Teams

April 25, 2024

Minutes Short Summary

The Operations and Planning Committee unanimously approved the minutes for the March 14, 2024 meeting. Jennille Smith reported that CVFiber is close to finishing construction at the end of next week, and as of yesterday, CVFiber has 237 customers. The Operations and Planning Committee entered into Executive Session with no action taken.

Present:

Planning and Development Committee Delegates: David Healy (Calais, Chair), Jeremy Matt (Plainfield), Henry Amistadi (Duxbury), Siobhan Perricone (Orange), Christopher Shenk (Alternate Waterbury), and Tom Fisher (East Montpelier)

Absent:

Others Present: John Reid (Woodbury), Jerry Diamantides (Berlin), Sybil Schlesinger (Moretown Alternate), Jennille Smith (Executive Director), Olivia Kantyka (Community Relations Manager), Mike Reed (Consultant), and Roger Nishi (WCVT)

Call to order: David Healy called the meeting to order at 5:31pm.

Additions to the agenda:

- David Healy noted that since Roger Nishi can only come to the beginning of the meeting, when he arrives, he will go next.

Public comment

- None.

Prior Meeting Minutes

- MOTION (Jeremy Matt, Second Henri Amistadi)
Move to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2024 meetings as drafted.
Passed unanimously.

Updates

- **Construction – Service Status:** Jennille Smith reported that CVFiber is close to finishing construction at the end of next week. As of yesterday, CVFiber has 237 customers.

- **Permitting/Make Ready:** Jennille Smith reported 21 installations scheduled with another 7 pending. Hardwick Electric is resolved.

NEK Broadband-CVFiber Potential Merger

- **MOTION** (Jeremy Matt, Second Tom Fisher)

Move that we find that holding a discussion of strategic planning and potential merger with NEK Broadband would put CVFiber at a substantial competitive disadvantage in accordance with 1 V.S.A. § 313(a).

Passed unanimously.

MOTION (Jeremy Matt, Second Tom Fisher)

Whereas the Operations and Planning Committee has found that discussion of strategic planning and potential merger with NEK Broadband in open session would put CVFiber at a competitive disadvantage,

Move that we enter executive session to discuss strategic planning and that CVFiber Board members, alternates, executive director, Community Relations manager are invited into the executive session as they have information that is needed in accordance with 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(1)(B).

Passed Unanimously.

Enter Executive Session: 5:38pm

Exist Executive Session: 5:47pm

MOTION (Jeremy Matt, Second Siobhan Perricone)

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Move that we enter executive session to discuss strategic planning and that CVFiber Board members, alternates, executive director, Community Relations manager and Mike Reed are invited into the executive session as they have information that is needed in accordance with 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(1)(B).

Enter Executive Session: 5:49pm

Exit Executive Session: 6:32pm

No action taken

WCVT Operations Update

- Roger Nishi had to leave the meeting before he had time to deliver his report.

David Healy announced this would be the last meeting that he would be chairing.

Jeremy Matt thanked David Healy for his work. Jennille Smith noted that Calais would be known as Healy 1 and Healy 2. Tom Fisher noted that David Healy is responsible for the take rate in Calais. David Healy said delegates are the main proselytizers. Everyone thanked David Healy and Jerry Diamantides.

Adjourned at 6:36pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeremy Matt, Clerk