



Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

January 18 2024

5:30 pm

Attendees:

EC Members- Paul Fixx, Ray Lanier, Michael Strait, Mary Metcalf, Nick Anzalone, Jonathan Baker, Sally Vallat, William Piper,

Staff and Treasurer- Christa Shute, Danielle Sukkaew, Kitty Ufford Chase, Tonya Ozone, Denise Sullivan

Contractor- Deb Shannon, Mike Reed

5:32pm

Agenda Review

Christa added partnership negotiations

Sally entered at 5:34pm

New Business

Motioned: Nick Anzalone	For	Against	Abstain
Motion: approve minutes from 11/30/23 and 12/22/23 meetings.	8	0	0

Discussion- According to Robert's Rules, based on the size of the committee, we are not required to have a second for motions. We will remove the step from our process.

Tonya Intro and Preliminary Plans

Tonya introduced herself to the group. She discussed the meaning of Digital Equity and how to get the message out to the community. She talked about brand harmonization.

Town Meeting Prep

Christa discussed the programs that will be ready for reps to talk about during town meeting days. Christa proposed that we perpetuate the \$30 a month from the ACP so there is no gap in coverage for customers now in the program and not accept new customers into our program when the ACP stops doing so.

Motioned: Michael Strait	For	Against	Abstain
Motion: NEK Broadband will provide a \$30 (monthly) discount to every current ACP participant when the program expires.	8	0	0

Discussion- marketing around our commitment to affordability for our customers. This vote rescinds the \$25 discount approved in December to stack onto the ACP program. If the ACP program is reinstated, we will revisit this and add the additional discount back in.

Christa talked about the phone and mobile service offerings and how we will have messaging ready for town meeting days.

6:04

Motioned: Paul Fixx	For	Against	Abstain
Motion: Voted to go into Executive Session under the provisions of 1 VSA §313 with consultants and staff to discuss partner negotiations finding that premature disclosure could substantially disadvantage the CUD if it were to be made public at this time.	8	0	0

7:20 No Action was taken. Mike Reed joined while in Executive Session. Nick left and rejoined during the Executive Session.

Adjourn

Motioned: Paul Fixx	For	Against	Abstain
Motion: to adjourn at 7:21pm	8	0	0

Drafted by Shannon LaCasse, Clerk