Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - ((approval date))

Thursday, November 12, 2026 on Zoom and at 306 Meadow St., Brighton

5:30 pm

Attendees:

Executive Committee Members: Nick Anzalone, Brian Machesney, Mary Metcalf, David Healy, Neil Glassman, Michael Strait, Chuck Burt, Siobhan Perricone, Tom Fisher, Jeremy Matt
Governing Board Members: Henry Amistadi, Rudy Chase, Mike Gaiss, Andy Mosedale, Marty Feltus, Lawrence Daugherty, John Morris
Additional Staff: Christa Shute, Chris Fortuna, Julia Vallera, Peter Bent, Elizabeth Fitzpatrick

5:33pm The meeting was called to order and started with a quorum.

Agenda Review

No Changes or additions to the agenda.

Approval of Draft Minutes for October 8, 2026

Motioned: Nick Anzalone **Seconded: Chuck Burt**	**Passed with no objections** **Passed with objections** **Failed**
Motion: to approve the Minutes from October 8, 2026 Executive Committee Meeting	Passed with no objections.

5:34pm - Rudy Chase joined the meeting.

Operational Update - Public:

In order to allow a little extra time for the public to join and comment on the budget, Christa began reviewing the public-portion of the Operational Update. We continue to expand service and open up addresses in areas such as Wolcott, Barnet, Holland, Concord, Vanaan, Morgan and Norton. She reported that we extended the deadline for applications for our Zero Cost Installation Program (ZIIP) through the end of October, possibly

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November. While we have already exceeded our Affordable Long Drop quantity, we will be approving any qualified applications submitted through the end of November. We will be keeping the program open after that time, with approvals based on whether or not there is grant funding at that address. Additionally, the prior May 31st end date for installations has been moved to the end of September. We will be continuing with the $30 monthly discount through Equity Connect for those with income less than 200% of Federal Poverty Level (FPL) and an additional $9.25 discount for Lifeline for those with income less than 135% of FPL. Therefore, a person could take our 50/50 service for $59 and with these discounts be under $20/month.

Christa then expressed excitement that we are about to hit 3000 customers by the end of the month, factoring in the installations that are scheduled. NEKCV, represented by Julia, Kitty, Vange and Christa, tabled at NEK Together and Christa spoke in the opening session and participated on a panel later in the day. She shared some notable statistics from that day. While on the panel, she read out towns that would have service by the end of the year, that included almost all of Essex County, which was emotional for some people, and acknowledged Evan Carlson, who was present, for his early work with NEK Broadband.

Christa moved onto sponsorships we've done with The Bridge Weekly, WYKR, Northstar Monthly and the NEK Collaborative. Last, she went over the remaining open positions we are hiring for - a Community Hub Coordinator for Groton, a Sales Manager and another Project Manager.

5:43pm - Andy Mosedale joined the meeting.
5:44pm - Marty Feltus joined the meeting.

Public Comment on Budget: None.

Motioned: Jeremy Matt **Seconded: Mary Metcalf**	**Passed with no objections** **Passed with objections** **Failed**
Motion: to go into Executive Session under the provisions of 1 VSA §313 with consultants, staff and Board Members in order to discuss a more detailed update on operations, marketing and grant funding, finding that premature	Passed with no objections.

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disclosure could substantially disadvantage the CUD if it were to be made public at this time.	

Executive session was entered at 5:47 pm and ended at 6:46pm. Staff was removed from the meeting during the Executive session. No action was taken in executive session and nothing discussed in the session was suitable to put on the record, except the motion to exit executive session, that was moved by Nick Anzalone and seconded by Jeremy Matt.

5:54pm Lawrence Daugherty joined the meeting.
6:06pm John Morris joined the meeting.

Nick consulted the drafted Operational Calendar to confirm everything has been completed for November and to check what must be done coming up in December. Hearing this, Christa remembered that she'd wanted to touch base on the best time to schedule next year's in-person Governing Board meeting. There was conversation regarding potential bylaw modifications to allow for more flexibility in the budget approval timeline. A few Board members mention balancing the need for flexibility and avoiding late-year scheduling challenges. Referencing the feedback already received, it seems the October meetings are the more popular choice at this time. Julia will be sending out the survey again to get additional feedback. Christa briefly went over the current proposed calendar for Executive Committee, Finance Committee and Governing Board meetings. Lastly, Nick asked for feedback from the group on the draft Operational Calendar.

Adjourn

Motioned: Nick Anzalone **Seconded: Jeremy Matt**	**Passed with no objections** **Passed with objections** **Failed**
Motion: To adjourn at 7:01 pm.	Passed with no objections

Drafted by Elizabeth Fitzpatrick

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