



Winooski Valley Park District

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Minutes for December 19, 2023, Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees for Winooski Valley Park District

The meeting began at 4:32 PM. Meeting was held both in person at the WVPD offices at the Ethan Allen Homestead and virtually via Zoom.

Present (via Zoom): Andrew Gregg (Burlington), Susan Gilfillan (Colchester), Jeffery Theis (Essex), George Tyler, (Essex Junction), Sonja Schuyler (Jericho), Larry Kupferman (South Burlington), Reid Willis (Williston), Bridget O'Brien (Winooski), Nick Warner (Executive Director) (in person at WVPD office), Lauren Chicote (Operations Manager). **Guests:** Paul Connor (Director of Planning & Zoning) and Erica Quallan (Deputy Director of Public Works) from the City of South Burlington.

Public Comment Period: There were no members of the public at the meeting. Guests present for agenda items in Executive Session.

Agenda Changes: No changes

Review and Accept Minutes from previous meetings: November minutes were not available before the meeting – to be reviewed at January meeting.

Review and Accept Financial Reports: Lauren Chicote presented the July 1 – November 30, 2023, financial report for current fiscal year, FY24. Budget continues to remain on track and WVPD has received almost all payments from member towns.

Staff Updates: Nick Warner gave updates on the recent December 18-19 flooding event. The Winooski River hit major flood levels for the second time in five months with WVPD parks experiencing similar flooding and subsequent damage to the July flood event – water levels were only about 1.5 feet lower than in July. The bridges at Woodside Natural Area and the Ethan Allen Homestead were displaced again.

Executive Session: The board discussed the need to enter Executive Session to discuss matters of real estate; the properties being discussed have not been previously discussed in public. Reid Willis moved to find that premature general public knowledge regarding real estate matters would clearly place WVPD and other member municipalities at a substantial disadvantage, because the Board of Trustees risks disclosing its negotiation strategy if it discusses the proposed property in public; seconded by Larry Kupferman/George Tyler. Larry Kupferman moved to enter Executive Session to discuss real estate matters under the provisions of Title 1, Section 313(a)(1)(A) of the Vermont Statutes; seconded by Reid Willis/George Tyler. The motion was unanimously approved. The board entered Executive Session at 5:02pm.

George Tyler moved to exit Executive Session; seconded by Larry Kupferman/Susan Gilfillan. The motion was unanimously approved. The board exited Executive Session at 5:44pm.

Adjourn: Susan Gilfillan moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Reid Willis. The meeting adjourned at 5:45pm.

Next Meeting: January 16, 2023, at 4:30pm.

Meeting Minutes prepared by:

Lauren Chicote, Operations Manager