

Chittenden County Communications Union District (CCCUD) Board Meeting

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 3:00pm

Municipal representatives participating: Mike Vance, Chair, representing Williston, David Solomon, representing Shelburne, Angelike Contis, representing Jericho, Hubie Norton, representing Essex Town, Brad Holden, representing Underhill, and Marta Pauer Tursi, representing Essex Junction

Absent: Julia Andrews, Vice Chair, representing Westford and Tim Barritt, representing South Burlington

Others present: Ann Janda, CCRPC Senior Energy Project Manager and CCCUD Clerk, Jason Gay, Mission Broadband

1. **Call to order** Mike Vance called the meeting to order at 3:02pm.
2. **Public comment period on items NOT on the agenda** | There was no public comment.
3. **Consider approving minutes from April 24, 2023**

Marta Pauer Tursi moved to approve, seconded by Hubie Norton. Motion passed.

4. **Potential executive session to discuss status of draft contract with CCI and next steps**

Marta Pauer Tursi motioned to enter Executive Session as per 30 V.S.A. § 3084 § 3084 confidential business information shall be exempt from public inspection and copying pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 317(c)(9). (Added 2021, No. 71, § 11, eff. June 8, 2021.). Seconded by Brad Holden. Motion passed.

Entered Executive Session 3:04pm

Brad Holden motioned to move out of Executive Session. Seconded by Marta Pauer Tursi. Motion passed.

Exited Executive Session 4:15pm

Mike Vance will follow up with VCBB staff on a few questions.

5. **Consider discussing a public statement regarding next steps**

The Board decided that it was too soon to take up this item and tabled it for now.

6. **Clerk's Report**

Ann Janda's Clerk's report below:

Williston resident requested CCCUD provide high speed internet service: Ann Janda and Mike Vance crafted the following response that could be used again for future inquiries.

The Chittenden County CUD is not currently providing high speed internet service. As you may or may not be aware the CCCUD was established in 2021 to find a way to use publicly available

grant funds from the American Rescue Plan Act and future federal funding sources like the BEAD program to fund high speed internet to the sites that are considered unserved or underserved.

To that end it was determined that only about 700 to 800 residents are eligible to utilize this public funding. Most addresses today in Chittenden county are served by CCI(Fidium) Comcast(Xfinity) or even Burlington telecom and we cannot use the public funds to bring high speed internet to sites that are considered served.

Based on the address you provided in your inquiry I believe you are served by Comcast. If you want another option we suggest you go to www.fidium.com. If you are in an unserved area, then CCCUD is still working through the grant and partner process to identify a suitable provider who can bring high speed service to your area. We hope to have public announcements regarding our progress by the end of the year 2024.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 4:16pm.

Angelike Contis motioned to adjourn, seconded by David Solomon. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted, Ann Janda, Clerk