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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – 1/17/25

Location: Zoom Meeting Online
Directors Attending in Person: None
Directors Attending Remotely: Geoff Lindemer, Conrad Harris, Jill Jaret-Rossi, Tina Norton, Dody Day
Directors Excused: Erik Remmers, Jeremy Elliott, Joe Woodin
Also Attending: LEDC Executive Director Pat Ripley

LEDC ED Pat Ripley called the meeting to order at 8 a.m. Friday, Jan. 17th. Board members did not have any additions or changes to the agenda. There were also no community announcements. The group then turned its attention to the Dec. 20th board meeting minutes. Geoff Lindemer motioned to approve the minutes and Conrad Harris seconded that motion. The motion passed with one abstention from Tina Norton.

The group then turned its attention to the monthly financial reports. There was some discussion about the costs of the 2025 legislative breakfasts that started in January and getting sponsors for those events. LEDC ED Pat Ripley informed the board the breakfasts are an expense that has been budgeted for but that sponsors would be welcomed. Sponsors had been obtained in the past but were not for this year's breakfasts due to a lack of time to acquire them. Jill Jaret-Rossi motioned to approve the monthly financial reports for December and Geoff Lindemer seconded that motion. The motion passed unanimously.

LEDC ED then spoke to the group about a letter that had been received from Cambridge 360, the group is seeking to purchase the Cambridge Community Center. An overview of the status of the matter was provided and the board agreed to thank Cambridge 360 for reaching out but take no action on that matter beyond that. LEDC ED Pat Ripley agreed to send a copy of the letter to the board. The group then discussed a recent loan review conducted by LEDC ED Pat Ripley and Treasurer Tina Norton regarding the Johnson General Store. LEDC is unable to offer a recommendation on the loan at this time due to an incomplete application. LEDC ED Pat Ripley agreed to relay the information to the Town of Johnson Selectboard, which will then decide whether they want to lend the money.

LEDC ED Pat Ripley then provided the board with an update regarding recently hired Membership and Marketing Director Amber Demasio. She started work Jan. 6, the same day as LEDC's first legislative breakfast. Things are going well so far. A full performance evaluation will be conducted after six months of employment. Geoff Lindemer also mentioned that he attended the first legislative breakfast and that it was a worthwhile event with good attendance and discussion. LEDC ED Pat Ripley also briefed the group on the event, adding that the next breakfast will be held in February in Stowe.

LEDC ED Pat Ripley also updated the board about vacancies to the board, which has several seats available and additional seats being vacated this year as board terms end. Board members were encouraged to recruit good board members for the future. There were no questions regarding ED Pat Ripley's monthly report. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m.