ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 6, 2020 7:30 am – 9:00 am
Held virtually via Zoom

7:34 am
Welcome:
Fred Kenney, Executive Director welcomed the membership and guests, introduced representatives from the Congressional Delegation's offices, State Legislators and Administration officials and thanked them all for their hard work during the COVID pandemic, thanked the ACEDC staff for their work, and introduced Board Chair Sarah Morris.

Business Meeting:
Sarah Morris called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the 26th ACEDC Annual Meeting and introduced and thanked ACEDC Board members.

Approve minutes of 2019 Annual Meeting:
John Kiernan moved to approve the minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting.
Stephanie Pope seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously APPROVED.

Election of board members:
Sara Morris introduced Marie Jewett, Chair of the Nominating Committee. Marie Jewett presented the following Nominated Slate of Directors and asked for a motion to approve:

1st Three-Year Term:
Chris Wilson, Collins Aerospace
Susan McClure, Lake Champlain Maritime Museum

2nd Three Year Term:
John Kiernan, Otter Creek Engineering
Stephanie Pope, Agri-Mark

Matt Curran moved and Jeff Olson seconded the motion to approve the Slate of Directors. The motion was unanimously APPROVED.

Increasing Number of Board Members:
Sarah Morris reminded the membership that the ACEDC Bylaws allow for a Board of Directors with between 11 and 20 members, including the five designees from Bristol, Vergennes, Middlebury, the Chamber, and the Regional Planning Commission. The current Board has 14 members. The Board has discussed adding representatives from health care and a small business representative. Therefore, the Board is proposing that the membership increase the number of Directors from 14 to 16 members starting in 2021. The Board will recruit two new members to serve their first one-year term in 2021 and those new members would be on the agenda for approval for their first 3-year term at the 2021 Annual Meeting. Sarah asked for a motion to approve the Board proposal to increase the number of Board members from 14 to 16 starting in 2021?

Jeff Olson moved and Bill Townsend seconded the motion. A majority of the quorum voting yea, the motion was APPROVED.

Annual Review:
Fred Kenney provided an overview of ACEDC activities over the past fiscal year.

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Keynote Speakers:
Middlebury College professors Peter Matthews and Matthew Dickinson provided an overview of the political and economic aftermath of the 2020 election.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Fred Kenney, Executive Director DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY MEMBERSHIP