



**LOCAL INVESTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2014**

**LIAC Members Present:**

BETH PEARCE, CHAIR, Vermont State Treasurer  
SARAH CARPENTER, VICE CHAIR, Executive Director, VHFA  
PETER ADAMCZYK, SECRETARY, Energy Finance and Development Manager, Efficiency Vermont Designee  
STEVE GREENFIELD, Chief Operating Officer, VEDA Designee  
BOB GIROUX, Executive Director, VMBB

**LIAC Member(s) Absent:**

TOM LITTLE, Vice President and General Counsel, VSAC Designee

**Also attending:**

Stephen Wisloski, Deputy State Treasurer

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The Chair, Ms. Pearce, called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m., which was held in the 4th Floor Treasurer's Conference Room, 109 State Street, Montpelier, VT.

**ITEM 1:      **Agenda Approval and Announcements****

Ms. Pearce requested a motion to add the approval of the minutes of the meeting of August 21, 2014 to the agenda.

**On a motion by Mr. Giroux, seconded by Ms. Carpenter, the Committee unanimously approved adding approval of the minutes to the agenda.**

**ITEM 2:      **Approve Meeting Minutes****

**On a motion by Ms. Carpenter, seconded by Mr. Giroux, the Committee unanimously approved the 8/21/2014 meeting minutes.**

(Mr. Adamczyk joined the meeting at 9:04 a.m.)

**ITEM 3:      **Discussion of Schedule and Content of Next Meetings****

The Committee reviewed the following draft schedule proposing five additional meetings prior to delivery of the Committee's report:

**Meeting 1:** Energy, Affordable Housing, Transportation  
Wednesday, October 22  
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**Meeting 2:** Municipal, Wastewater, Commercial Development  
Wednesday, November 5  
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**Meeting 3:** Review Findings to Date and Review Committee's Preliminary Recommendations (*Committee members only*)  
Thursday, November 20  
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

**Meeting 4:** Review Findings to Date and Review Specific Proposals (*Invite all prior attendees for public input and discussion*)  
Tuesday, December 9  
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

(Draft report is authored, distributed to Committee members for comment)

**Meeting 5:** Report Draft Review  
Tuesday, January 6  
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

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The Committee members agreed to try to hold an additional meeting for the specific purpose of discussing Higher Education, but that the interested parties did not appear to overlap with the groups identified for the October 22 and November 5 meetings.

Mr. Giroux described the State's process surrounding federal and state loans and grants for clean water, drinking water and combined sewer overflow (CSO) control, and stated that the cost associated with the list of projects is much greater than available annual funds. He said that loan terms are very favorable, sometimes as low as minus 3%, and that VMBB had discussed leveraging its resources to assist municipalities, but that municipalities are often hesitant to go into debt. Mr. Greenfield mentioned that VEDA provides loans to Local and Regional Development Corporations for industrial park planning and development. Ms. Carpenter mentioned that Education Fund concerns limit the application of TIFs.

The Committee members also discussed energy efficiency initiatives, and Ms. Pearce listed Neighborworks of Western Vermont (NWWVT), VHFA, and VEDA as recipients of State credit facilities toward this purpose. The Committee also identified credit unions and the Vermont Bankers Association as interested parties with respect to financing vehicles. Mr. Greenfield also mentioned that some have suggested lack of non-recourse loans was an impediment to renewable energy financing.

Ms. Carpenter identified the need for predevelopment funds for 18-24 month terms for affordable housing and energy efficiency improvements, for costs related to engineering schematics and permitting, but identified a risk of such projects not going through and not thus not being able to repay these upfront costs. For this reason, VHFA typically used cash flow, and not loans, to finance these costs.

**ITEM 4:      Discussion of Preparation for October 22 Meeting**

Ms. Pearce proposed that to prepare for the October 22 meeting, the Committee should identify both experts and stakeholders to be specifically invited, and that experts be asked to make approximately 10-minute presentations stating problems and the funding need. Ms. Pearce said she would draft memoranda to these participants.

**ITEM 5:      Public Comment**

There were no members of the public at the meeting, so no public comments were received.

**ITEM 6:      Adjournment**

**On a motion by Mr. Adamczyk, seconded by Ms. Carpenter, the Committee unanimously voted to adjourn at 10:15 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen T. Wisloski  
Deputy State Treasurer