

**Minutes**  
**Clean Energy Development (CED) Board Meeting**  
**October 9, 2012**

**In Attendance:**

<b>Board Members:</b>	<b>Attending</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Elizabeth Catlin (EC) Blue Wealth Management	X <i>(by phone)</i>	
Sam Swanson (SS) – Pace Energy & Climate Center	X	
Jo Bradley (JB) – VT Economic Development Authority	X	
Alex Ibey (AI) Commerce & Economic Development		X
Patty Richards (PR) – La Capra Associates	X	
Gaye Symington (GS) High Meadows Fund	X	
Will Wiquist (WW) – Green Mountain Club	X	

**State Employees:**

Sarah Hoffman (SH) - Dept. of Public Service

Andrew Perchlik (AP) – Director Clean Energy Development Fund, Dept. of Public Service

Ed Delhagen (ED) – Department of Public Service

*Meeting brought to order at 10:07am with Andrew Perchlik presiding over the meeting.*

**I. Agenda**

- a. Discussed and agreed to agenda

**II. Strategic Plan**

- a. AP described process and timeline for the adoption of Strategic Plan (the plan). AP said the goal was for the Board to vote on a final version of the plan at their December meeting.
- b. Discussion on the purpose and framing of the plan. There was agreement that the plan should make a convincing argument on the benefits of renewable energy. Board members wanted the plan to make the case for the investment of public funds into the promotion of renewable energy. There was also agreement that the plan needed to have a strong connection to the State’s Comprehensive Energy Plan’s clean energy goals, and specifically the goal of 90% of the State’s total energy coming from renewable energy. There was also agreement that the plan should focus on promoting the distributed generation/smaller scale technologies and not utility scale projects.
- c. Discussion on the need for the plan to highlight economic development impacts of the CEDF and the economic successes in Vermont’s clean energy sector.
- d. Discussion on the CEDF budget going forward and how that should be addressed with continuous funding for the CEDF uncertain.
- e. There was specific discussion on the plan’s goals and the goal diagram. The possibility of a separate carbon reduction goal was discussed. Agreement was

reached the main goal being increased generation of renewable energy with three supporting goals of economic development, cost effectiveness, and lessening the impact of VT's energy use. There was also agreement that the goals could be diagrammed as a pyramid with renewable energy generation in the center and the sides being the three supporting goals.

### **III. Updates**

- a.** AP gave an update on the Vermont Village Green solicitation and spoke about how the projects would be scored and selected for grant awards.
- b.** There was a general discussion regarding the role of the Board and its authority to act independently now that it doesn't have its own staff. There was discussion about CEDF staff's role, as employees of the Department of Public Service, in relation to the CEDF Board. It was agreed that CEDF Board could ask/direct CEDF staff to provide information to the Board.
- c.** Discussed and decided that the November meeting should be a face to face meeting focused on the strategic plan. Staff committed to having a draft plan to the Board in time for their review before the November meeting.

*Meeting adjourned at 12:20*