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To start I apologize for missing the Selectboard meeting of 08/13. It was a failure on my part, and I have taken steps in my personal scheduling process that will assure that situation does not repeat itself short of some unpredictable event.

At this point CVI has and continues to make good progress in several areas: organizational structure, receiving information regarding business and technical structures of similar organizations, and building common vision and mission statements.

I've attached minutes from the last two CVI board meetings as well as the first Business Development Committee meeting in the hopes these will assist you in following CVI's progress.

I would like to highlight three recent developments. The first is CVI's development of common vision and mission statements. These two statements will be the guiding posts for all of our actions.

Current vision statement (still under development): Central Vermont will become more resilient as residents and institutions have access to economic, cultural, and educational opportunities through high-speed internet services.

Current mission statement (still under development): We will provide Central Vermont universal access to affordable, reliable, secure, public communications infrastructure that adapts to future community needs.

The second is my appointment as the chair of the Finance Committee. This committee has members who are knowledgeable and experienced in large non-profit finances and bookkeeping as well as private business financing.

The third item worth mentioning is that due to not receiving in a timely manner the vote certification from Roxbury, the six month period during which creation of CVI can be challenged has not started yet. It is expected this will be addressed by the next regularly scheduled CVI meeting on September 11th. This six month period affects the organization's abilities regarding raising funds and implementing plans.

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