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BROADBAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

July 9, 2019

MINUTES

Present: R. Tourville, T. Newton, B. Williams, T. Colapietro, C. Goonan, B. Williams. C. Bovino

I. Old Business

Approving Minutes for the following meetings:

- 3/26/19 Strike first bullet add \$30 -40 million dollars of fiber network in whole town: Motion to accept T. Newton second by R. Tourville. Unanimous acceptance.
- 4/2/19: Strike the following words readers student and, Strike New and add Old under item II. B. Williams contacted Leveritt and discussed the roll in Leveritt from M. McGuiness. Motion B. Williams and T. Newton seconds unanimous.
- 6/20/19: Add conventional to third paragraph and change strategy to Action Plan. Motion to accept B. Williams second by R. Tourville. Unanimous acceptance.
- 7/2/19: typos and strike \$30,000.00 incorrect number and delete sentence. Motion to accept T .Newton second B. Williams unanimous acceptance by committee.

II. New Business

-T. Newton summarizes the White Paper on Leveritt using the RFI. We can use its a road map in the steps to approve doing the project. T. Newton will email N. DeLong to obtain a general update status update pertaining to service parameters with current clients of our existing fiber network.

- Chair R. Tourville is reaching out to the Harvard Abstract vetting Ammon Idaho.

- For the Westfeld network (PON) they already have their own electric and gas town owned.

-Leveritt had one selectman push the fiber network project through, Talented town

employees that volunteered their time also played an important role.

-C.Goonan makes a motion to request that the select board allow the broadband committee to vett any potential consultant for the fiber network in town T. Newton second- unanimous acceptance.

-T. Colapietro makes a motion to request that the select board require the selected consultant to maintain full communication with the BroadBand committee. Second B. Williams unanimous acceptance.

-Chair goes over the evolution of this committee.

- This committee's new iteration started on Feb. 26th with defining a scope. On March 12th scope was finished.
- Committee put into action the extension of the fiber grant which was extended to Oct. 2019.
- Committee will start discussing what the costs will be for a feasibility or the action plan have it formulated by November for the May 2020 town meeting.
- J. Christensen presentation via Zoom in which board members asked more questions in regard to the active fiber network (virtual). Broadband committee clarified costs in which J. Christensen -for the strategy there is no cost but the Action Plan cost will only be charged once there are 50% take up.
- Entry point system has more flexibility OSI layer 2 point to point private networks-networks on demand
- Motion by T. Newton for the BroadBand to recommended to the Select board that the active fiber system would be the best fit for Wilbraham. T. Colapietro seconds, unanimous acceptance by all board members present.
- Motion by T. Newton to officially nominate C. Goonan as secretary of Broadband committee. R. Tourville seconds and board unanimously votes. C. Goonan as board's secretary.

III. Citizen's Open Forum

Michael Squindo from Pond Road was present and wanted to make sure that this process is transparent for all community stakeholders.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 10:30pm The Committee will reconvene in on 7 /23/19.

Submitted:

Christine Goonan – Committee Member
Member

Approved as to form and content:

Christine Goonan – Committee

Date :7/9/19

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