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BROADBAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday Nov. 12, 2019

MINUTES

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

I. New Business

Meeting came to order as ordered by Chair at 7:10pm

Chair news: Mechanism to present both options of advantages and disadvantages is to inform town manager. N. Breault will inform BOS and invite J. Christensen to present the option.

Chair news: a detailed document form of both options to J. Christensen-still waiting....

Chair news: "People are asking what is happening with broadband."

"Three people reported to the Chair- they would pay more taxes for the service"

Broadband Advisory will invite the BOS to present the options with the understanding that no decision will be made until BOS open session.

R. Tourville does not have confidence in the CO-OP option. Two options in town a betterment or a subscriber and third option as Co-op option.

B. Williams deferred. C. Goonan wants to have more information. T.

Colapietro reports that since we do not own the poles does not give us a lot of options. There is no appetite for a tax betterment. B. Williams is concerned about the cookie cutter numbers that are sized with our actual numbers. We need clear nodes to get a better idea of the take rate.

Co-op would be fastest and easiest to get it implemented. A disadvantage the town will lose control of pricing and the contract.

Town does not have control over security in level 2.
Town owns it, we will have control over security and manage sub-contractors to manage the system.

II. Old Business

T. Colapietro mentioned that we need to consider to narrow down the FAQs.

How will the infrastructure costs be paid was accepted by committee?

Will there be an installation fee? One sentence.

Will everyone in town have access to this network? Yes.

However, town residents need to demonstrate their support.

Why will this network be good for residents and businesses in Wilbraham? Removed “in the Selectmen”.

Will I be forced to participate? Take this question out.

What happens when the fiber optic infrastructure is paid off?

Who will monthly payment go to? Take it out.

What happens if I move? , made changes took Tom’s suggestions. How many options will I have for internet speeds? keep, Can I sign up later if I don’t sign up now? Add Tom’s notes.

What is included in the Maintenance & Operations expense?

Pending a decision by committee.

III. Citizen’s Open Forum

Jesse Sayers a new member in the town. Wanted to know about what we are doing in broadband. Really like a community of broadband giving people choices. Broadband advisory spoke with the attendee.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:00pm. The Committee will reconvene in on 11/19/19.

Submitted:

Approved as to form and content:

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