

Winchester Broadband Committee Approved Minutes 1/3/2022

Members Present In Person: Natalie Quevado, Larry Wood, Jennifer Howe, Jennifer Bellan,

Members Present Via Zoom: Nichole Pelkey

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm

Old Business:

Minutes - Jenn H made a motion to approve minutes from 12/6/2021. Jennifer B seconded. All are in favor. Leonard abstains.

Town mailing – The selectboard reviewed and asked for a few change:

1. “Will this impact my taxes” changed to “if not a subscriber will not pay a fee – will or will not impact taxes, but unlikely after 20 years”
2. Will this impact the value of my property – amended answer to will add value to most properties.
3. Is the board going to continue to look for alternate funds – amend to with approval of infrastructure bill.

The mailing is now approved for the broadband committee to mail. Natalie will update the stamp and Karey will print. The committee will stuff and send to the post office.

Contract:

Selectboard approved use of John Rattigan as the lawyer. Also approved for Karey to sign items to move the process along faster.

Lawyer will use the template

Committee reviewed section B of the contract to make adjustments specific to Winchester.

Item 5 -Jen H made a motion to change the user fee to \$15 for the first year and contingent upon amount of subscribers to lower fee in the second year. Len 2nds. All are in favor.

Item 6 – Natalie made a motion to amend Schedule B Item 6 to remove the following: v. Recreation Building & vi. Waterworks building; and to amend viii to Conant and Thayer Public libraries; and to add the following: ix. ELMCC X. Musterfield Cemetary xi. Any other future public building and area of need. Nichole seconds. All are in favor.

Will also ask the lawyer to add ELMCC in the paragraph below the list of public buildings in section 6 to have internet available to public.

We will also the lawyer about Stone Mountain Park - if they are going to pay to run the poles can we add this to the list of places with free installation.

Natalie makes a motion to negotiate any residential building that are between 150-300 feet to receive a 15% discount to run the line.

A public hearing will be held January 12th at selectboard meeting for bonding.

Next Broadband Committee meeting is January 17th at 7:30.

Jen H make a motion to adjourn. Len seconds. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.