

## Winchester Broadband Committee Approved Minutes 11/22/2021

**Members Present In Person:** Natalie Quevado, Jennifer Bellan, Leonard Picard, Nichole Pelkey

Natalie Quevado called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm

Minutes from 11/15/2021 will be sent for review and approved at the next meeting.

Minutes from 10/1/2021 meeting are still being consolidated and will be approved at a later date.

### **Old Business:**

At the 11/17/2021 select board meeting, up to \$3,000 was approved for the broadband committee to use for mailings. Two public hearing dates for broadband were set for 12/1/2021 and 12/8/2021 at 6:30 pm.

### **New Business:**

Need to create the presentation to share at the public hearings. The same presentation can be used for both – there will be two so people can attend one.

Jenn Bellan asked for a press release so she can update her personal Facebook page to encourage people to attend. Natalie will create a notice for social media and print. A public notice was printed in Saturday's paper – she will use that as a guide.

Natalie will create a power point and each committee member will populate a slide and present their part at the hearing. We need to present why this is a public interest over a corporate interest and explain why this is beneficial to the town. Each section should be limited to 2-3 minutes.

After the presentation, we should be prepared for questions. Natalie can answer most of the questions.

Power Point Topics and Assignments:

1. Definition of Broadband vs fiber and the bonding process. **Jennifer Howe**
2. Taxes and rates **Nichole**
3. Public benefits relating to property values **Len**
4. Public benefits – why should I care **Jenn Bellan**
5. Process overall and construction timeline **Larry**
6. Questions from public at hearing **Natalie**

We should complete our slides before Saturday and send to Natalie / update Google drive so she has time to consolidate before Monday.

After the hearing, our next step is to prepare and send the mailer encouraging people to vote. We will send 2 mailings. The questions and concerns at the hearing will help us know what to address in the mailer.

Nichole made a motion to adjourn. Leonard seconds. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Next meeting – November 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.

Public Hearing – December 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm and December 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.