

TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Alstead Broadband Committee

Approved Minutes for Meeting of November 11th, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. Alstead Town Offices, 15 Mechanic Street, Alstead, NH 03602 Conference call: (978) 990-5000, access code 539083#

Google meet: <https://meet.google.com/gzp-ovpr-fyf>

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Gordon Kemp, Jim Howard, Mark Mastrocinque. Chris Reitmann, Joe Levesque & Joanne Lemieux via Google Meet.

TOWN STAFF PRESENT: N/A

COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT: David Booth via Google Meet.

CALL TO ORDER: Gordon Kemp called the meeting to order at 6:30PM

GUESTS: N/A

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: On a motion from Chris Reitmann, seconded by Jim Howard, the minutes from the November 4th meeting are accepted and approved.

DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS:

- I. Joe Levesque has been sworn in.
- II. Jim Howard found an application called [Low Earth Orbit Visualization](#) that graphically plots all of the low earth satellites.
- III. Joe has the tax ID for Alstead.
- IV. Regarding the RFP's, we have heard back from Comcast. They will be responding by the deadline. Gordon will send out a follow-up email to all 14 providers.
- V. Our Alstead Broadband committee flyers will be posted on any and all pertinent Facebook groups.
- VI. Scheduling public hearings. We must hold two hearings to explain the public benefit to the town in addition to a third hearing regarding the bond issue. This is required by the State and has specific requirements. We will consider piggy backing onto Select Board meetings.
- VII. Gordon created and distributed a [proposed FAQ](#) – the proposed FAQ will be posted on Google Docs along with the [Alstead Broadband Committee project update](#).
- VIII. James Booth works for [PC Connection](#). He was involved in the design of the wifi system for Long Beach CA., Tuscon AZ., & is currently working on the wifi system for Miami FL. He discussed several other options for town-wide broadband. Many cities are starting to look at CBRS (Citizen's Broadband Radio Service). There is a lot of new technology coming. The current wifi protocol is Wifi6. Soon the protocol will be Wifi7.

Unfortunately, wifi is very expensive. 100 gigabit ethernet is coming soon. Private LTE is a scaled-down private & miniaturized version of the large-scale networks that most people are familiar with through their mobile phones. Lots of discussion of the options but no details about costs or who would pay.

OLD BUSINESS:

- I. Appointment of committee members by the Select Board (Joe)
- II. Satellite update from Jim
- III. Paperwork requirements for bond
- IV. RFP update from Gordon
- V. Voter outreach

NEW BUSINESS:

- I. Scheduling Public Hearings
- II. Create an FAQ

INFORMATIONAL: Meetings will be at the Municipal Offices until further notice.

OTHER ITEMS:

- I. Public Comments:
- II. Next meeting is Wednesday, November 18th at 6:30 PM in Municipal Offices.

ACTION ITEMS:

- I. See documentation for [bond counsel checklist](#).
- II. Chris Reitmann will work on designing and developing yard signs.

On a motion by Jim Howard, seconded by Chris Reitmann, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:34PM.

Respectfully submitted, Mark Mastrocinque

The next meeting of the Broadband Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, November 18th, 2020 at 6:30PM

These are the approved minutes of the Alstead Broadband Committee November 11th, 2020 meeting,