

TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Alstead Broadband Committee

Approved Minutes for Meeting of September 2, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. Municipal Building, 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, Joe Levesque, & Chris Rietmann via Google Meet, Joanne Limieux via Google Meet

TOWN STAFF PRESENT: N/A

COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Caroline Putnam via Google Meet, Mr. Thomas Wiley via Google Meet

CALL TO ORDER: called the meeting to order at 6:31PM.

GUESTS: None

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: The Minutes from the August 26th, 2020 meeting were not approved. They will be approved at the September 9th meeting.

DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS:

- I. The Alstead Broadband survey flyers have been printed. They are separated into 4 groups. Since we did not have any scotch tape, we decided that Joe Levesques, Gordon Kemp and Jim Howard would each take a group home and fold and tape them. At the next meeting, we will fold and tape the last group. Jim Howard will then take them to the post office the next day. Each member of the Committee will contribute \$35 toward the postage costs.
- II. Gordon Kemp reported that he had done a little work on the coverage map furnished by CCI. He is trying to put all of the dots back within the town boundaries. Joe Levesque will work on determining the percent underserved. We want to take care that the list provided by CCI is accurate.
- III. Jim Howard reported that SpaceX cancelled the launch of 60 Starlink satellites last Sunday because of weather concerns. They will try again on Thursday September 3rd. There was no significant news from Amazon Kuiper or One web.
- IV. Chris Rietmann reported that he still had not heard from the person at the NH Bond Bank he had left a phone message for. He will try to call him again. We have been given the name of person who knows a great deal about bond counsels. He is John Snowden who lives in Westmoreland. Chris will try to contact him and seek his advice.
- V. Jeff McIver of CCI called off our meeting with him next week. We will try to meet next week. September 9th with Brian Foucher from WiValley. We will then try to arrange a meeting with the Select Board and Jeff McIver together either September 15th of the 22nd.

- VI. We will ask Joanne Limieux to send the information about her troubles with her Internet connection to Jeff McIver.
- VII. Gordon Kemp reported that when asked a question about the pricing for 3Mbps and 10Mbps speed once fiber is installed that Jeff told him that at the same price customers are now paying for 3Mbps and 10 Mbps they would get broadband level speeds.
- VIII. Gordon Kemp reported that very little had changed in the RFI responses. Comcast has still not responded. He said First Light had said they will not respond. WiValley is not responding because they are not a regulated company and are not required to respond.
- IX. Joe Levesque reported that Charlette Comeau was still not sure we could use the Town Hall on the dates we requested.
- X. Ms. Putnam asked what the stacks of paper on the table she sees via Google Meet are for. Gordon told her they were our surveys which we need to fold, tape and mail.

OLD BUSINESS:

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NEW BUSINESS:

INFORMATIONAL:

OTHER ITEMS:

- I. Public comments - none
- II. Next meeting Wednesday, September 9th at 6:30 PM.

ACTION ITEMS:

- I. Chris contacted the Bond Bank and left a message. They have not returned his call. Chris will continue to be the point person for the Bond Bank.
- II. Jim Howard will prepare the RFPs – **in progress**
- III. Gordon Kemp will arrange meetings with WiValley & CCI and the Select Board. **In progress**
- IV. Gordon will contact John Snowden of Westmoreland about bonding issues.

The Committee voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:08 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Howard

The next meeting of the Broadband Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, September 9th 2020 at 6:30PM

These are the approved, official meeting minutes for September 2nd, 2020 meeting.