

TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Alstead Broadband Committee

Approved Minutes for Meeting of October 28th, 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, Joann Lemieux, Mark Mastrocinque. Chris Reitmann, Joe Levesque and Alan Kauders via Google Meet.

TOWN STAFF PRESENT: N/A

COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT: Joel McCarty

CALL TO ORDER: Gordon Kemp called the meeting to order at 6:36PM

GUESTS: N/A

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: On a motion from Chris Reitmann, seconded by Mark Mastrocinque, the minutes from the October 14th & October 21st meetings are accepted and approved.

DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS:

- All ABC members with the exception of one have been sworn in.
- FCC approved the sale of OneWeb to the UK government & Bharti Global. OneWeb hopes to exit its Chapter 11 bankruptcy. OneWeb plans to resume satellite launches in December.
- Starlink launched another 60 to 66 satellites last week. Starlink will now commence public beta testing. To be an early beta tester you must spend \$499 for equipment. The monthly charge will be \$99 per month during the beta testing.
- The Bond Counsel update will be addressed when we have more information from the Bond Counsel.
- Paperwork requirements for the bond will be addressed at a future meeting.
- Select Board has voted to issue the RFP with changes. Renelle L'Huillier will review and Gordon will have the Select Board give a final review. Gordon will then send it out to CCI, Comcast, WiValley and other vendors in the Monadnock Broadband Implementation Guide. Questions from respondents will come to Gordon.
- We will consider methods of outreach to the community regarding the broadband project proposal and bond approval. We must have three public hearings. January 19th is the last day to hold a bond meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- I. Appointment of committee members by the Select Board

- II. Satellite update from Jim
- III. Bond counsel update from Chris
- IV. Paperwork requirements for bond
- V. RFP

NEW BUSINESS:

- I. Promotional materials

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

OTHER ITEMS:

- I. Public comments:
- II. Next meeting is Wednesday, November 4th at 6:30 PM in Municipal Offices.

ACTION ITEMS: N/A

On a motion by Chris Reitmann, seconded by Joann Lemieux, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:08PM.

Respectfully submitted, Mark Mastrocinque

The next meeting of the Broadband Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, November 4th, 2020 at 6:30PM

These are the official October 28th meeting minutes. They are approved.