

TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Alstead Broadband Committee

Approved Minutes for Meeting of July 29th, 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, Joe Levesque, Jim Howard, Mark Mastrocinque. Chris Rietmann & Joel McCarty by Google Meet

TOWN STAFF PRESENT: N/A

COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT: Joanne Lemieux by conference call. joannlemieux13@gmail.com. 603-491-7882

CALL TO ORDER: Gordon Kemp called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

GUESTS: N/A

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes of July 22nd, 2020: On a motion from Jim Howard, seconded by Joe Levesque the Committee voted to approve the minutes of the July 29th meeting.

DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS:

- I. Joanne discussed her internet service provided by CCI. Her service was recently upgraded. She described a 4-day internet outage near her home. The internet outages are very frequent. She is at the top of Walpole Valley Rd.
- II. The town survey (Survey Monkey) has been ok'd by the town. The survey will be edited by Chris Rietmann with the date and time of the Alstead Broadband Committee meetings and contact information. It will be uploaded to Google Drive. The committee will have to pay \$213 for the Town mailing. Checks should be made to Town of Alstead.
- III. Carol Miller and Brad Roscoe furnished addresses and emails for Comcast, CCI & WiValley. We will verify the Comcast contact address.
- IV. Gordon spoke to an employee of Go Netspeed. They expressed tentative interest in Alstead's broadband project. It is possible we may send an RFP to them. Jim Howard will talk to Walpole about who they sent their RFP to. We are open to any and all proposals and we will show that. Jim Howard will start preparation of the RFPs.
- V. "10/1 doesn't get it done" has been adopted as the Alstead Broadband Committee motto. Proposed by Chris Rietmann, seconded by Joe Levesque. All in favor, none opposed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- I. Members will review RSA's associated with SB170 for next week's meeting.
- II. The town survey (survey monkey) has been ok'd by the town.

NEW BUSINESS:

- I. Will a majority of the Select Board support the administrative costs to the town for this project? We will reach out to Dennis from Walpole and Brad from Chesterfield to get a ballpark figure of administrative costs to the town.
- II. Carol Miller asked if we are tailoring each RFI to each provider? If so, she feels some of the language would need to be changed especially for WiValley as the cable franchise reference does not apply to them or CCI. She will reach out to Comcast to see who should be getting our request.
- III. Brad Roscoe furnished the following contact information:

Sharon Codeanne
Director, Government & Regulatory Affairs Comcast
222 New Park Drive
Berlin, CT 06037
Sharon_codeanne@comcast.com
860-505-3477

Rob Koester
Consolidated Communications
Rob.Koester@consolidated.com
(603) 656-1565

Brian Foucher
WiValley Inc.
PO Box 1179
Keene, NH 03431
brian@wivalley.net
(603) 546-7201

OTHER ITEMS:

- I. Public comments - none
- II. Next meeting Wednesday, August 5th at 6:30 P.M.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Joe Levesque and Chris Rietmann will finalize the survey, have it printed and mailed.
- Mark will forward our RFI to Carol Miller and ask her for contact information from Carol Miller for providers. CCI, Comcast and WiValley. Brad Roscoe will also be asked. **Done**
- The survey will be edited by Chris with the date and time of the Alstead Broadband Committee meetings and contact information. It will be uploaded to Google Drive. **Done**
- Gordon will verify the three addresses for the RFI mailing.
- Jim Howard will contact Dennis Markham to determine approximate administrative costs for the project. Mark will contact Brad Roscoe and Carol Miller.
- Jim Howard will talk to Walpole about what companies their RFP was sent to.
- Jim Howard will start preparation of the RFPs.

On a motion by Chris Rietmann and seconded by Jim Howard, the Board voted to adjourn at 7:31PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Mastrocinque, Secretary

The next meeting of the Broadband Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, August 5th, 2020 at 6:30PM

These are the official meeting minutes. They are approved.