

# **TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

## **Alstead Broadband Committee**

**Approved Minutes** for Meeting of September 16, 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, Mark Mastrocinque, Joe Levesque and Joel McCarty via Google Meet.

**TOWN STAFF PRESENT:** N/A

**COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT:** JoAnn Lemieux, Emily Stocki via conference call, Don Devanney via conference call.

**CALL TO ORDER:** called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

**GUESTS:**

**MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:** on a motion from Jim Howard seconded by Mark Mastrocinque, the minutes from the September 9th, 2020 meeting are approved.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS:**

I. As of Sept 16th we have 57 online responses from our survey. Approx. 95% of respondents report they have internet access at home. See current survey results for details.

II. Coverage mapping – KML file has been incorporated in the map.

III. Satellite update from Jim. SpaceX will attempt to launch another 60 satellites on Sept. 17th. They will have close to 800 satellites orbiting. The public should then be able to participate in the beta test.

IV. Bond Counsel update – we will discuss at the Sept 23rd committee meeting.

V. RFI update – no change. Waiting to hear from Comcast. Mid October is our approximate deadline.

VI. Meeting with providers – Jeff McIver from CCI cannot make the Select Board meeting Sept 22nd. He will attend the ABC meeting on Sept 23rd. Gordon will make a presentation to the Select Board on Sept 22nd. All committee members are welcome.

VII. Use of Town Hall – meetings at the new Town Hall are preferred as we expect greater attendance to our meetings in the future. The bonding requires two public hearings.

VIII. Update from Joanne Lemieux about her service from CCI – her bill was completely wrong. Her speed test results were 52.9mps download and 10mps upload. Latency is 24 milliseconds.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

I. Town Survey

II. Coverage Mapping

III. Satellite Update From Jim

IV. Bond Counsel Update from Chris

V. RFI update from Gordon – no change. Waiting on Comcast.

VI. Meetings with providers - update from Gordon

VII. Use of Town Hall

**NEW BUSINESS:**

I. Gordon Kemp will put together a short presentation for the September 22nd Select Board meeting.

**INFORMATIONAL:**

I. We are on the agenda for the Sep. 22nd meeting of the Select Board to give the board an update of the Alstead Broadband Committee progress.

**OTHER ITEMS:**

I. Public comments – Don Devanny and Emily Stocki are both appreciative of our work on behalf of the town and are following our progress.

II. Next meeting Wednesday, September 23rd at 6:30 PM.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

I. Chris contacted the Bond Bank and left a message. Chris will continue to be the point person for the Bond Bank. Chris will update the committee on Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

II. Jim Howard will prepare the RFPs – in progress

III. Gordon Kemp will arrange meetings with CCI. In progress. WiValley is completed. The presentation to the Alstead Select Board is scheduled Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>.

IV. Gordon will contact John Snowden of Westmoreland about bonding issues.

On a motion by Jim Howard seconded by Joanne Lemieux. The Committee voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:21 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Mastrocinque

**The next meeting of the Broadband Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, September 23rd, 2020 at 6:30PM**

**These are the approved minutes from the September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Alstead Broadband Committee meeting.**