

TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Alstead Broadband Committee

Approved Minutes for Meeting of August 26th, 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, Mark Mastrocinque & Chris Rietmann

TOWN STAFF PRESENT: N/A

COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT: Joanne Lemieux by Google Meet.

CALL TO ORDER: called the meeting to order at 6:28PM.

GUESTS: Thomas Willey of Marlow by Google Meet

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes of August 19th, 2020: On a motion from Chris Rietmann, seconded by Joe Levesque, the Committee voted to approve the minutes of August 19th.

DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS:

- I. Survey will be printed out Thurs., 8/27. It will be prepared for mailing on 9/02 at our next committee meeting.
- II. Chris Rietmann contacted the Bond Bank and left a message. They have not returned his call.
- III. RFI update. Received from CCI. Waiting on Comcast. WiValley will not respond as they are not required to. FirstLight has not responded.
- IV. Gordon questioned Jeff McIver from CCI. The service data provided by CCI has a few errors. CCI cannot support data updates at this time. They will accept our data updates. CCI will meet with us, possibly on Sept 9th at our committee meeting. CCI claims they will be able to offer up to 10 gig/sec to the home in the future.
- V. Gordon spoke to Brian Foucher from WiValley. He suggested a joint meeting with CCI about a hybrid solution. CCI feels it should be done after Alstead's RFP is send out. Four towns received money from the CARES act for the broadband buildout.

OLD BUSINESS:

- I. Satellite update From Jim. A group of astronomers have criticized Starlink that their satellites will impede astronomical viewing.

- II. Survey is down to 1 page. Town survey printing/mailing will most likely be done at the next Broadband Committee meeting (9/02). 1,190 surveys to mail. Contributions by committee members will cover the postage.

NEW BUSINESS:

INFORMATIONAL:

OTHER ITEMS:

- I. Public comments – none
- II. Next meeting Wednesday, September 2nd 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 meeting with WiValley & CCI. **Done**
- IV. RFI's are ready for mailing. The committee will tentatively prepare them for mailing at the September 2nd committee meeting.
- V. Gordon Kemp will contact FirstLight and send our RFI to them. **Done**
- VI. Gordon will contact John Snowden of Westmoreland about bonding issues.

On a motion by Chris Rietmann and seconded by Jim Howard, the Board voted to adjourn at 7:35PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Mark Mastrocinque - Secretary

The next meeting of the Broadband Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, September 2nd 2020 at 6:30PM

These are the approved, official meeting minutes for August 26th, 2020.