

# TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

## Alstead Broadband Committee

**Approved Minutes** for Meeting of September 23, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. Town Hall, 9 Main 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, Chris Reitmann via Google Meet

**TOWN STAFF PRESENT:** N/A

**COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT:** JoAnn Lemieux, Margaux Boyaval, Michele Boyaval

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

**GUESTS:** From Consolidated Communications Incorporated; Michael Cannon – Senior Director Field Operations CCI. Jeff McIver – Manager Consumer Product CCI

**MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:** on a motion from Chris Reitmann seconded by Jim Howard, the minutes from the September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting are approved.

### **DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS:**

#### **Presentation by Jeff McIver & Michael Cannon of Consolidated Communications Incorporated – Town Fiber Builds**

- 23 state fiber network spanning 44,000 fiber-route miles, 1.8 million connections. Nasdaq: CNSL. CCI serves most of New Hampshire.
- CCI delivers 99.999% core network availability. Main Network Operations center is in Manchester, N.H. CCI has local garages in Keene, Claremont, etc. 16 separate work out locations in N.H. with CCI employees. Approx. 680 CCI employees, approx. 63 contractor employees.
- CCI has fiber optic buildouts in progress or completed in the towns of Chesterfield, Walpole, Dublin, Harrisville, Westmoreland, and Rindge.
- CCI's major focus is now on the consumer side.
- Customers can use their own equipment, rent equipment or buy equipment.
- CCI claims 1,225 total end user locations in Alstead. 14 serving units (hubs). 40% of current existing subscribers are at max. speed (the max. speed the customers qualify for).
- CCI will try to create a solution even if the percentage of underserved residents is low.
- The bottleneck for these projects is not the fiber build out. It is the bonding process. CCI will start the build out shortly after the bond is approved.
- Almost all services from pole to house are installed at no cost to the resident regardless of distance (150ft rule is generally not enforced). Services can be installed in existing customer owned underground conduit.

- Television & internet rates are not regulated like telephone.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**INFORMATIONAL:**

**OTHER ITEMS:**

- I. Public comments
- II. Next meeting Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> 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 will contact John Snowden of Westmoreland about bonding issues.

On a motion by Jim Howard seconded by Mark Mastrocinque. The Committee voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:08 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Mastrocinque

**The next meeting of the Broadband Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:30PM**

**These are the official approved meeting minutes from September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020.**