

Plainfield Broadband Committee
Meeting Minutes September 12, 2016

Committee Members Present: Brian Hawthorne, Lew Robbins, Leslie Rule, Sallie Silberberg
Michal Lumsden

Brian called the meeting to order at approximately 7 p.m. at Town Hall.

A motion to approve the minutes from the July 25 and August 15 meetings; was made and duly seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MBI Readiness Process

The committee reviewed all the outstanding items in the readiness process, and generated the following action items:

- Leslie - Talk to other towns about whether they made any amendments to the Eversource/Verizon pole attachment agreements. Carry the ball on these until HB's return.
- Leslie - Find out from Rowe/Ashfield what specifically they gave Rick Manley to get their green light letter.
- Lew - Work with Rick to get greenlight letter, keep Paula in the loop.
- Brian/Kimberly - ask Cornell what exactly he needs in a letter from Clark Rowell (financial advisor) and what "current telco expenses" means in his recent summary. Tell Cornell he needs to talk to Todd Cochrane about the "Verizon/MIIA" issue (Leslie has details)
- Brian - work with Kimberly and Lew to finalize readiness forms and sustainability worksheet and submit packet asap, along with certified votes that Leslie has, and letters from Clark and Rick.

Information Received

Brian acknowledged that committee members shared the following articles related to our work:

- WiredWest operations/maintenance RFI
- MBI Readiness process stall

New Business

Discuss Lew's spreadsheet

The committee discussed Lew's updated spreadsheet.

Recommendations for select board

Leslie/Brian - present committee recommendation for MLP cost split to next selectboard meeting after return of HB: taxpayers cover depreciation of plant, subscribers/ratepayers cover remainder of costs, including all operating costs. Split is about 55%/45% with current estimates.

WiredWest debriefing

Leslie provided a review of recent happenings at WiredWest meetings.

New Plainfield Post Article

Michal suggested that we should update the townspeople using the Plainfield Post, and offered to draft next Plainfield Post article for approval at 9/26 meeting and submission 9/27, focusing on the MBI readiness process and the progress we are making.

The next meeting will be Monday, September 26, at 7 p.m.

A motion to adjourn was made and duly seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

Minutes above as approved at the October 10, 2016 meeting.