

Plainfield Broadband Committee
Meeting Minutes September 26, 2016

Committee Members Present: Brian Hawthorne, Kimberly Longey, Howard Bronstein, Lew Robbins, Sally Silberberg

Brian called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. at Town Hall.

Kimberly made a motion to delay approval of the minutes from the September 12 meeting until next meeting; Sally 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 has the folder on pole attachment agreements and will follow up.
- Howard will talk to the town Treasurer to confirm that Clark Rowell is the preferred financial advisor, that Rick Manly is the correct bond counsel. He will also find out where the Treasurer is in the process of getting a “green light” letter from bond counsel. Howard will also confirm how the town will be handling accounting for the construction and operation. Brian suggested a statement like “Plainfield will initially use a general fund line item until such time as an MLP accounting structure is required.”
- Lew will bring the proposed MLP cost split (depreciation paid for by taxpayers, operational costs paid for by subscribers) to the finance committee.
- Kimberley will revise the MBI spreadsheet to incorporate Lew’s data.
- Kimberley will talk to Cornell to let him know where we stand on the readiness process.
- Brian will present the readiness documents and our recommendations to the select board at their next meeting.

All Boards Meeting

The committee discussed the all boards meeting to be held on September 27. Brian will give a brief update on developments over the past year, including Wired West, MBI, the readiness process, and the many possible paths that the town may end up taking. He will stress that although we are starting down the path of a standalone, municipal network, in order to get things started, the town strongly prefers some sort of regional solution, and that there will be many decision points along the way.

Information Received

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

- Leslie forwarded an update on the Axia proposal.
- We received an announcement of a meeting to be held on a proposal from Graybar/Corning/Fujitsu.
- Kimberly forwarded more information on Axia plan
- Kimberly forwarded a Wired West update

- Michal forwarded a draft update to be published in the Plainfield Post.

New Business

Howard moved that we approve Michal's draft Plainfield Post article. Kimberley seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be Monday, October 10, 2016 at 7 p.m.

Howard made a motion to adjourn; Sally seconded. The motion was passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

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