

Broadband Committee Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2022, 7:00 p.m.
Taylor/Van Brocklin Building

Members Present: Doug Smith, Chair, Maryann Lauretti, Wendy O'Brien, Ron Raymond, and Jonathan Schreckengost.

Guests: Ed from Whipple Hill Road

The meeting was brought to order at 7:08 p.m. by Doug Smith, Chair.

Minutes: Maryann Lauretti made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2022 meeting. The motion was seconded by Jonathan Schreckengost and passed.

Community Survey: The community survey was discussed, and it was hoped that it would be available prior to the 2022 Town Meeting in March. It was planned to have the survey open for a four week period. The Southwestern Regional Planning Commission (SWRPC) has offered the use of their Survey Monkey account free of charge. The Committee then reviewed and revised the draft survey questions. Doug agreed to contact Henry Underwood at SWRPC to ask how required and optional questions in Survey Monkey are handled.

Meeting Frequency: Committee members agreed to meet twice monthly on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month until the RFP is completed.

RFP: Maryann reviewed the timeframe needed to have the Committee's recommendation to the Selectmen by November. She suggested that the RFP be ready to be mailed by May. She also reviewed that at the January meeting it was discussed whether to ask for a higher speed guarantee than the federal 25/3. Ron Raymond discussed the need to address Class VI roads in the RFP.

Next Meeting Date: February 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Taylor/Van Brocklin Building.

Adjournment: Maryann made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ron seconded the motion and it passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy O'Brien, Secretary