



MINUTES

September 18, 2019 at 10AM

Wakefield NH Town Hall (Sanbornville)

CALL TO ORDER: meeting was called to order at 10:00AM by Co-Chair Hiland

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Co-Chairs led everyone with the Pledge

ATTENDEES: Introduction & Attendance – Co-Chair Hiland thanked Kelley Collins and the Town of Wakefield for hosting this meeting and then asked to go around the table with introductions.

Representatives present: Glenn Coppelman (NCC), Rick Hiland (Co-Chair – Albany Alt.), Steve Know (Co-Chair – Albany Rep), Chip Albee (Tuftonboro), Paul O'Brien (Wolfeboro), Denise Roy-Palmer (WEDCO), Chuck Fuller (Effingham), Rebecca Mason (Tamworth), John Colbath (Conway – Alt), Mary Seavey (Conway), Rick Surette (Brookfield), Kelley Collins (Wakefield), Julie Dolan (Sandwich-Alt.), Bill Carney (Freedom), Pat Farley (LRPC).

PUBLIC: David Newman, JB Manning, Gail Patriquin

NEW BUSINESS:

- Rules of Procedure Draft was presented by Co-Chair Knox – discussion ensued. Main topics of discussion were Sections 6: Quorum and Section 8: Voting. Also with no objection, adding NH State Senator was added to the Section 2 Organization due to the fact that we need all the representation we can get at the NH Legislature.

Co-Chairs Hiland and Knox explained that they wanted representation from the Select Board level of each of the Towns in Carroll County for participation on this committee in order to get good information back to each Town through their respective representatives. They also explained that each of the affiliated organizations with representatives on the committee have something valuable to contribute to the success of our broadband initiative goals of this committee. Many of them have contributed a lot over the past 9 months.

Motion by John Colbath, 2nd by Rebecca Mason, to amend Section 6: Quorum to read - For the purpose of transacting business, ***the presence of one half (1/2) of the Town Representatives plus one (1)*** then eligible to vote, shall constitute a quorum. If no quorum is present it will become an informational workshop with minutes. The minutes of all meetings and workshops will then be distributed to all members of the committee in the customary process and at the Carroll County Offices. With no further discussion all present were allowed to vote by a show of hands and in the judgement of the Co-Chairs, the amendment passed.

Co-Chair Hiland asked for a show of hands regarding leaving Section 8: Voting as presented and in the judgement of the Co-Chairs the majority were in favor of leaving it as presented.

Motion by Rebecca Mason, 2nd by Glenn Coppelman to approve the Rules of Procedure as amended/revised. With no further discussion all present were allowed to vote by a show of hands and in the judgement of the Co-Chairs, the amended Rules of Procedure passed.

- Meetings – dates, location, days or evenings, time – it was determined that we will continue to hold meetings on a rotating basis on weekdays preferably in the morning mostly due to the conflicts with Select Board meetings in the evenings.
- General news & update - Co-Chair Hiland briefed everyone on the things that he and Steve have been doing since the last workshop/meeting:
 1. Met with the Conway Select Board
 2. Met last Friday regarding on Grant help that will be needed from the committee.
 3. Pat Fraley invited NH State Senator Jeb Bradley to be a member of the committee.
 4. NH Rep Knirk met with Freedom Select Board for their support and they are now on board.
 5. Spoke with Ossipee Select Board Chairperson and their Chairman of the Economic Development Commission and they will support our initiative and are working on finding a representative & alternate.
 6. In communication with Spectrum and are working on a meeting date. TBD
 7. Working with NHMA regarding legislative hurdles especially the “unserved” meaning in SB 170 from 2018 which was brought to our attention by Bill Gassman from Moultonboro.
 8. Invited to serve on a panel at the Broadband Summit at St. Anselms College in Manchester on October 29th.
 9. Co-Chair Hiland was asked to serve on the NH Commission on Rural Affairs.
 10. We are in contact with Bartlett – they are looking for a representative. Jackson & Madison are under advisement at this time.
- Possible Legislative hurdles – discussion regarding the word “unserved” in the legislation in SB 170 in 2018. Co-Chair Hiland has the NHMA looking into this.
- Assignment – Co-Chair Knox mentioned that he had met with David Smolen at the Conway Public Library regarding their future concern & needs for internet access and speed. He also asked all present to find out specifics of internet access of town government, libraries and schools in their respective Towns.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Grant updates – Glenn Coppelman relayed to all present that the USDA grant was awarded but we should not publicize to the media until all the paperwork is completed and then there will be a major announcement to the media.
- Participating parties to date – Co-Chair Knox mentioned that we have 15 of 18 towns, 1 unincorporated town, MWVEC, NCC, LRPC, WEDCO, County, Carroll County Delegation, NH State Senator Jeb Bradley, US Congressional – total 25 of 28 representatives to CC Broadband possible to date.
- Co-Chairs thanked Pat Farley for inviting NH State Senator Jeb Bradley to join our committee.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Co-Chair Hiland announced that the official location for distribution of meeting postings, minutes and other pertinent information will be the Carroll County Offices. He also mentioned that all representatives and alternates need to be conduit of the same information back to their respective towns.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

NEXT MEETING: At the call of the Co-Chairmen – probably sometime middle to late October/early November.

ADJOURNMENT: Co-Chair Hiland thank all for attending and called the meeting adjourned at 11:42AM

Acting Clerks
Rick & Steve

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