

Selectmen's minutes of work session with the Broadband Committee on July 9, 2019

Select Board members present: Mark Newman, Brian O'Rourke, George Riley, Dolores Harasyko, Admin. Asst.

Broadband Committee members present: Jeff Bye, Bill Haines, John Skrip

Called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mark reviewed that we have fulfilled steps 1 & 2.

Jeff reviewed the licensing application form 100. Step 3 is the f\Form 100 which is the licensing application. We are using the same application that was used by New Marlborough which has been accepted by Charter. Jeff has made a recommendation to amend exhibit D regarding the architecture which has been accepted. The rest of the application is identical to New Marlborough's.

George would like to amend a paragraph to read "will be used" and "will be utilized". The Broadband Committee does not agree with George. George feels it is too vague. Bill clarified the band width improvement.

George feels that if we are paying for the system we should set standards of what we want.

Jeff produced a document from the Vice President of Charter which reflects the advanced services that will be available to the town.

Jeff reviewed the out lying conditions that might not get fiber. We would have few if any at all.

Bill suggested a design review which would show if any homes would not have ftp.

He suggested Exhibit D should say "for those residents that are not eligible for ftp we want a specific reason". George still does not agree.

George would like to incorporate verbiage from the Town of Egremont's application with Charter. John Skrip pointed out that Egremont does not use Charter and that it's a waste of time to review it. George would like everyone to review it before the next meeting.

Bill suggested a survey of Sandisfield that could show the potential percentage of drops with ftp.

Jeff reviewed that this is just for the license not for the states contract. Jeff said it will be more important to see the contract which is step 11. Jeff will address the changes in the wording with Charter. He will also ask for clarification on rates and tiers that will be available.

Discussed drops at all town buildings.

Discussed service levels.

Jeff wants clarification on the estimate of installation over \$49.95 in excess of 250 feet. Once Jeff has a revision of the Form 100 we will schedule another meeting to sign the document.

Items to review:

Schedule C

Exhibit D

Ftp's with explanation

Low income clarification

John and all present thanked Jeff for all his dedication in see this process through.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Mark Newman

Brian O'Rourke

George Riley

Jeff Bye

Bill Haines

John Skrip