

Shutesbury Broadband Committee Meeting		
1.5.2017	6:30-9:00	Town Hall
Facilitator	Gaye Huntress	
Minute Keeper	Asha Strazzero-Wild	
Committee Attendees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gayle Huntress <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asha Strazzero-Wild <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Craig Martin <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frank Citino <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Schmidt <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ayers Hall <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Graeme Sephton <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eric Stocker	
Guest Attendees	Becky Torres (Town Admin), Mike Vinskey, Michael DeChiara and Melissa Makepeace O'Neil (Select Board), Chris Lynch (Matrix)	
Approve Minutes from 12/11/2016 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes (unanimous) <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable (unanimous approval)		
Update on MBI and WiredWest		
Discussion Notes		
<p>Discussion of Letter to MBI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resolution letter to be held in our back pocket pending some follow up calls <p>Pole Survey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Select Board signed MOU in October – Becky asked for sign copies back, Gayle asked John for them back, found out before xmas and learned they threw it out and have a new one to sign New shorter version for SB to sign tonight—looks like they are keeping the door open for RFPs here Takes out any specificity- this is probably a good thing for Shutesbury Keeps in full ownership over data collected (whether we go with them or not) <p>Review of known RFP responses</p> <p>Letter of Support for Crocker As you know Crocker is submitting an RFP to the Last Mile project. They have asked towns for letters of support, including us. Note this is NOT in any way a decision to use them or not as our owner/operator. Rather, we will discuss to recommend to the Select Board to send a letter urging MBI to seriously consider their proposal, due on the 11th. Since Crocker doesn't meet the size requirements they may be knocked out of the running unless MBI makes an exception for them – thus the requested letters of support. It may be the only option for smaller towns who can't finance the project on their own. So as a way to support our neighboring towns we are considering sending a letter – or rather recommending to Select Board to send. I have attached a revised grid with the new plans with what I know so far.</p> <p>Review of New MOU from MBI Remember how the Select Board signed the MOU for pole survey work in early November? Well, instead of sending back signed copies they sent us a new, alternate version to sign. It is simpler and removes any mention of the Letter of Recommendation. (I will not go into the reasons I think they did this to avoid speculation and online deliberation – we can discuss on Thursday) The good news is that it is not holding up the pole survey work in the meantime. The original MOU specifies MBI management for design and engineering. This new version releases us from that and any other obligations specified in our readiness letter (required use of Middle mile as one of those issues).</p> <p>Update on WiredWest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan 28th WW will share their new regional plan at the Northampton JFK MS from 9-12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operational plan will be voted on the 14th Gayle meets with State Auditor Office/Rowe next week to discuss practices of MBI (Marilyn from Rowe helped set up) <p>Our Town Submission- Group Edit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Edit draft text from Gayle; clarify MBI \$ and role as well as WW future <p>Update from Chris Lynch/Matrix</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with Petersham Authorized \$560K in make ready work, etc-\$300K from stabilization fund; other from state house notes) Warrant article passed with 98% (people against it were those who didn't like financing) If this all goes through, no real impact to the town; less than 100K. If they don't get MBI money for whatever reason, tax impact is \$33 + interest. 47 road miles. A little under 530 homes and also have Harvard School of Forestry there and new rehab hospital. Town can purchase for \$1.7 M after 3 years- price decreases by \$107K down to year 20 down to \$10 Town can inspect, GPON networking using all top of the line equipment; town can also buy but ask Matrix to run \$95 monthly + ~\$5 MLP fee (pole rental, surety bond etc.)—pricing set for 2 years. After year 2 the MLP controls the pricing Private companies not required to have a depreciation fund but state does so if we buy it back, we would have no depreciation reserve Matrix would design, build, and operate and light up customers as they go Chris presenting to Wendell on 1/25 		

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Gayle to follow up with Caroline Kirk	Gayle	
Michael DeChira to follow up with Stan Rosenberg –timing based on Gayle’s convo (Gayle will connect with Michael after outreach to Caroline)	Michael	
Asha/John to ask John how the design plays into the pole survey- what does it cost, who pays, and what about if a town backs out?	Asha/Gayle	

Set Next Meeting		
1.5.2017	TBA	TBA
Agenda Items		
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