

Shutesbury Broadband Committee Meeting		
3.27.2017	6:30-8:30	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 type="checkbox"/> Graeme Sephton <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eric Stocker	
Guest Attendees	Mike Vinsky, Melissa Makepeace-O'Neil, Michael DeChiara (Select Board) Timothy and Nancy Logan (community members)	
Approve Minutes from 3/16/2017 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes (unanimous) <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable (unanimous approval)		
Update on MBI		
<p>Pole Shepard Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$10/pole- need to get clarity on the process • Will get more information in the next week or two <p>Steve talked to Gabe about financing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would do borrowing for the first round; would take out of appropriation from 2015 annual meeting versus new funding • Want to do all professional services up front <p>Comcast update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike Vinsky got a letter from Peter Larkin and said four towns approved for Comcast; like Charter they said no tax impact but all money and control goes to Comcast. • Gayle, Ayres, and Craig talked to them today – Alicia Matthews, Dir of Government Relations, history of working for DTC (Dept of Telecommunications and Cable). She wasn't technical so couldn't answer about build/ nodes etc. • Basically the same offer as Charter with only 96% coverage- cannot tell us how much it will cost until the design. And NO design until they commit. Cannot say yes without the information. Also not fiber to the home. 100 mbp (performance pro plan) is \$85/month stand alone. Comparable plan to Leverett requires 1/3 mile distance and \$299/month. ONE line- no ring or redundancy so if it goes out in one place, it all goes out. • They DO have an income sensitive plan- if on free lunch you can get a reduced rate at \$10/month (federal free lunch program) • Alicia said under ideal conditions could complete by the end of 2018. Would also be a contract with MBI. They claim they can help push forward the make ready work. Lots of special state requirements that DTC would help to waive and would give us sample templates to use. • First cable licensing in 25 years. • Gayle talked to Princeton and they are still in the process; could take longer or shorter depending on what gets hung up on the town. • They asked for us to respond by April 14th • What impact will the bankruptcy of the middle mile have on this project? We don't know. But we have an option for leasing dark fiber. • Ayres: Broadband Committee recommends to the Select Board that we determine that the path we have been on has been the best and the plan from Comcast offer does not meet our minimum criteria for Broadband service; does not provide fiber to the home or service to every home. We recommend that we build a municipally owned fiber to the home network. Eric: Second. (specific language captured by Linda Avis Scott) Unanimously passed. • Michael: Moves that we reject the Comcast proposal because it does not meet the town's minimum requirements for 100% coverage and fiber to the home delivery and that we proceed with the municipally owned fiber to the home network. Melissa: Second. Unanimously passed. Mike- change the name and update the letter that was sent to Charter. Letter to be signed tomorrow night. • Resource: CableTelevisionInitialLicensingProcess.pdf • Suggestion from Nancy Logan: Do your own press release! Becky noted that WiredWest was advised not to do any press release. <p>To discuss early April: If your department or organization would like to submit a story or announcement to be included, it <u>must</u> be to <i>Our Town</i> Editor Janis Gray by the Friday April 7, 2017 deadline.</p>		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Becky to prep the response letter to Comcast for SB to sign	Becky	
Consider press release at the next meeting- add to agenda for next mtg	Gayle	
Follow up with Jones Realtors Group and other local realtors with an update	Asha	