

| Shutesbury Broadband Committee   |  |                                |
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| 3.17.2016  | 6:30-8:30 PM   | Shutesbury Town Hall           |
| Facilitator  | Gayle 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<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frank Citino <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Schmidt <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ayers Hall<br><input type="checkbox"/> Graeme Sephton <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eric Stocker |                                |
| Guest Attendees  | Becky Torres and Mike Vinskey (Shutesbury Selectboard), Chris Lynch (Matrix)   |                                |
| Approve Minutes from 1/21/2016 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable   |  |                                |
| Unanimous Approval   |  |                                |
| WiredWest and MBI News   |  |                                |
| Discussion Notes   |  |                                |
| <p>Article in the Montague Paper and Recorder earlier in the week<br/> Article in WAMC today: <a href="http://wamc.org/post/baker-administration-reviewing-western-mass-broadband-options">http://wamc.org/post/baker-administration-reviewing-western-mass-broadband-options</a><br/> Last Friday negotiating team met with MBI again. Baker Administration has charged MBI with providing all the criteria for a sustainable financially responsible advanced operating plan. We welcome receipt of these criteria, long desired.</p> <p>In MA, you need the full amount of money in order to start construction. Shutesbury bonded what we think we will need; cannot start until we get commitment from MBI for their contribution. In contrast, some think (but no official word) that towns who have the full amount can start and then go back to the state to get the money. In either case, MBI has been holding on ALL projects.</p> <p>We are a WiredWest town and the smaller regional model does not make sense for Shutesbury; it's cheaper to do it alone for Shutesbury. But we do want to share our thoughts and/or ensure we are not being misrepresented in this group.</p> |  |                                |
| Decisions/Outcomes   |  |                                |
| <p>Motion to maintain presence at the regional network discussion:<br/> Pass. Although we do not see a benefit to a small regional network, we agree that we should be there to listen, share thoughts and reinforce our position as it currently stands.<br/> Motion passes unanimously.</p> <p>Steve, Ayres and Asha will help cover meetings.</p>   |  |                                |
| Action Items   | Person Responsible   | Deadline                       |
| Steve, Ayres and Asha to coordinate on future regional meeting attendance and report back to group   | Steve, Ayres, Asha   | Next meeting is Thursday, 3/24 |
| Meeting with Michael Morgenstern- Share Back   |  |                                |
| Discussion Notes   |  |                                |
| <p>Gayle and Craig had a phone conversation with Michael Morgenstern (wrote the Wipro report) last week; he supported everything in Craig's analysis and agrees that there is little benefit to a small regional model. Michael says there is a lot of data there to look at.<br/> Need to place a formal request to MBI for the data:<br/> 1) want the 6 town cluster model (variation on what Crocker presented (and Craig extended), but independent MBI data and analysis)<br/> 2) want a model for just Shutesbury. This would allow us to have their Shutesbury model data.<br/> Realized we need full set of data analysis that includes cost to build, operate, and sustainability. Ask for all the raw data.<br/> Request for data in an accessible format (not Quantrix- \$1500 license for that).<br/> Will talk to Selectboard about whom to cc</p>  |  |                                |
| Decisions/Outcomes   |  |                                |
| Send letter requesting WIPRO report data from Elizabeth Copeland   |  |                                |
| Action Items   | Person Responsible   | Deadline                       |
| Group edit of letter to Elizabeth Copeland requesting WIPRO data   | Team (Gayle has master copy)   | Live edit (complete)           |
| Ask Selectboard to co-sign our letter of request to Copeland next Tuesday; then will approve and send from both Shutesbury Broadband and Selectboard   | Gayle  | Tuesday                        |

| Discuss Options on the Table |  |
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| Discussion Notes             |  |

Options on the table:

- Wait it out for MBI to give us the money they said they would
- We go back to the town and ask for more money to build ourselves- write a warrant for the entire amount
- Private donor
- Public private partnership

Could start to move forward on the design and bid out everything else. Need pole survey before design and we already have that (would need to do some final work)

Estimate is 60K

Make sure there are extra fibers- Telcordia book has list of standards for build

Offer from Chris to do a public-private partnership is still on the table! (Note: General law prevents buying on Day 1- certain amount of time must pass). Matrix Design and Millennium Communications- separate companies for design and build. A few changes from last fall's contract- such as network upgrades- FCC definition of broadband. As they build, they will light up folks.

Decisions/Outcomes

NA- keep discussion alive

Action Items

Person Responsible

Deadline

Explore alternative means of bringing broadband to Shutesbury w/o state aid

Group

Ongoing

Note: When we post minutes, please attach Steve's public statement.

#### MEETING WRAP UP

#### Set Next Meeting

3.17.2016

6:30-8:30

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Agenda Items

Next meeting Monday, 3/28 at 6:30 at the Town Hall

Adjourn at 8:50 PM