Shutesbury Broadband Committee						
3.28.2016		6:30-8:30 PM	Shutesbury Town Hall			
Facilitator	Gayle Huntress					
Minute Keeper	Asha Strazzero-Wild					
Committee Attendees	⊠Gayle Huntre ⊠Frank Citino ⊠Graeme Sep	⊠Steve Sch	,			
Guest Attendees	Becky Torres and Mike Vinskey (Shutesbury Select Board), Tom Williams (community member), Bill Stathis (Crocker)					

Approve Minutes from 3/17/2016

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□Not Applicable

Unanimous Approval

Regional WiredWest Meeting Report Back (hosted by Wendell on 3/24- Asha, Steve, Avres)

Discussion Notes

Regional Broadband Meeting hosted by Wendell at Wendell Town Hall 03242016

Wendell, Shutesbury, New Salem, Colrain, Warwick, Charlemont broadband reps, a man from Montague, and Bill Stathis

Total of: 17 people (facilitated by Dan Keller)

- Shutesbury shared our statements- regional network doesn't make sense for us but want to be a part of community learning and sharing
- Wendell is interested in a small regional network and wants to go to MBI to discuss; cannot probably afford to do it on their own
- · New Salem still a WiredWest town but open to hearing other thoughts and being part of a community
- Colrain not in favor of building and then turning over to WiredWest- they want to own their networking. They may be willing to not serve everyone with fiber- they cannot afford fiber to every house.
- Warwick is concerned about lack of progress made over the last two years; regional solutions are hard because they take time
- Charlemont is here to listen and learn so they can do due diligence; told town it wouldn't impact tax rate probably cannot do it alone
- Bill thinks MBI will approach a subset of towns that have good density etc (best guess is 10 towns) and say go
 for it- others may be told that wireless is their only option (sustainability)- others may be told that there are a
 couple options: could do fiber or you can look at wireless hybrid option.

Graeme heard that Mt. Washington got 6 bids Putting their hub in their town hall

Next regional meeting is April 7th at 7:00 PM at the Wendell Town Hall

Graeme wants to discuss a clause about opt outs for risk- such as reliability etc.

Decisions/Outcomes

Ayres and Steve will go to the next regional meeting

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Ayres and Steve will go to the next regional meeting	Ayres and Steve	4/7

WiredWest Meeting Report Back (hosted by Charlemont on 3/26- Craig

Discussion Notes

Changes in the Executive Committee- Jean Atwater stepping down and Bob Lavrie stepping up Outreach committee

- · Updating the website
- · Looking for volunteers with WordPress (need to take this work off of the Executive Committee plate)
- Working on a potential online petition to the governor- likely be in conjunction with resolution signed by select board asking for various things
- MBI is resurrecting wireless and so needing to pull together data on that again as well (Craig helping with this effort)
- Pulling together info for town newsletters

Risk analysis

- Looking at risk for a cooperative- town/ other legal risks
- Putting together municipal network list of failures (they failed but restructured and are now providing internet- no fiber just sitting there)

Partial cable towns

• Comcast only towns are full speed ahead (not Montague)

Negotiating team

- Baker taking an interest in this; former secretary of finance looking closely at budget (Year 1 was a review of big projects, Year 2 is a review of smaller projects).
- · Downing not running for re-election
- Kulik has changed support of WiredWest (not loudly supporting it anymore)
- Team is recommending to suspend negotiations with MBI for now (NOT terminate)- challenge is that MBI will only speak with select boards- want to take a more active stance
- Charlie Rose voted onto the Executive Committee

Decisions/Outcomes	Review what we want to share in Our Town Newsletter- Group Edit Review what we want to post on our website- Group Edit
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See notes on website

Action Items	Person	Deadline
Gayle to submit Our Town newsletter	Gayle	
Gayle to update Shutesbury Broadband website		

PURMA presentation from Bill Stathis (Crocker)

Discussion Notes

Handout from Bill with PURMA overview (Public Utilities Risk Management Association)

- · Property protection and liability protection
- Applicant is underwritten individually- based on revenue estimate, then actual revenue (minimum floor)
- Leverett current annual premium is \$23,400 (includes replacement cost property and PUMIC (Public Utility Mutual Insurance Company), RRG liability coverages)
- Standard deductible is \$25K—varies for flood, wind and named storms deductible jumps to \$100K for NAMED storms (based on NOAA naming the storm)
- Risk replacement cover coverage unique to PURMA- fiber optic coverage not limited to 1000' from a scheduled location (\$2 million sublimit on cable)
- Leverett asked to lower to \$10K; evaluated for them individually
- Not every MLP is a PURMA member- not a lot of other choices out there

MEETING WRAP UP					
Set Next Meeting					
3.28.2016		6:30-8:30	Shutesbury Town Hall		
Agenda Items	Next meeting – Next Monday 4/4, 6:30 PM Shutesbury Town Hall Consider: What is our next action step? What is our plan B?				
Adjourn at 9:00 PM EST					