

Shutesbury Broadband Committee

Meeting

Sunday, December 13th, 2015

10:00 AM- 12:00 Noon

Shutesbury Town Hall

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AGENDA

1. Take Attendance
2. Action Item Review
3. Recap of Info Meeting
4. Question and action plan for Monday MBI Meeting
5. Prep townwide messaging
6. Unanticipated Business
7. Adjourn

Attendees: Gayle Huntress, Asha Strazzero-Wild, Steve Schmidt, Eric Stocker, Frank Citino, Craig Martin, Becky Torres, Townsperson: Zenya Wild

Action Item Review

- Frank follow up with contact at WIPRO; draft a letter and sent it over to his contact
- Asha has worked on MBI hierarchy – still missing who is on the MBI Board of Directors, so that we can follow up on our committee's as yet unanswered queries to Mr. Nakajima regarding the release of the Wipro report
 - Berri to figure out who is on the Board now and how they get appointed
 - Asha look into getting the dates for upcoming MBI meetings- Asha to start checking daily and emailing updates to committee

Upcoming Meetings

- Monday 12/14 MBI meeting, 5:00-7:00 pm, Olver Transportation Center, 12 Olive Street, Greenfield
- Tuesday 12/15 FRCOG meeting, 3:30-5:00, 1st Floor Conference Room, JWO Transit Center, 12 Olive Street, Suite 2, Greenfield
- Wednesday 12/ 16 MBI meeting 2:00-4:00, 160 Huntington Road, Worthington

Recap of Info Meeting

- Need to generate clear communications about decision process re: Leverett model
 - Gayle to add special FAQ to outline why we are pursuing a regional cooperative rather than the Leverett model (costs, television, long term stability, etc.)

- Need to clarify for everyone that we are moving forward with WiredWest until we have evidence that another plan is better for Shutesbury
 - No benefit to us to do a small regional model for us (only a larger network actually brings efficiency benefits)
 - No TV
 - No data to show us different cost
 - Not the same build
 - Ability of the cooperative to run services provides guaranteed long term commitment
- Need to clarify the points from the letter that Jim Hemmingway referenced in Wendell
 - Have signed a letter to commit funds to WiredWest and then WiredWest will sign over to MBI. This will ensure WiredWest has one collective voice.
 - MBI wants us to sign a letter to sign money over to them directly (cut out WiredWest). Wendell has signed this. Unclear if this locks them into anything. Need to get confirmation from MBI.
 - Final draft of the operating agreement going out to towns and will evaluate it when we get it so that we can fully understand what we are signing. Agendas for next Saturday's WiredWest meeting will discuss.

Late breaking news:

- Rowe has helped to organize WW members from Rowe, Colrain, Charlemont, Heath, and Leyden to host a press conference - via Marilyn Wilson with Steve Nelson (WiredWest).
- Press conference at 4:30 PM at the FRCOG headquarters prior to MBI meeting on 12/14

Questions for MBI meeting for Monday's MBI meeting

- The Shutesbury Broadband Committee will attend the informational MBI meeting on Monday, December 14th with Eric Nakajima and if given the opportunity, will ask:
 - We had asked to receive the WIPRO report before this meeting; when will the WIPRO report be released?
 - We know you have opened up lines of communication with Wendell and other towns- how can we get a direct line to MBI because our multiple phone calls and letter from the Broadband Committee have gone unanswered.
 - MBI has heavily scrutinized the WiredWest plan for sustainability- When will we be able to get a copy of MBI's long term feasibility analysis for alternative plans?
 - Can you tell us how your take rate calculation was done? What take rate would be required for these reservations to go away?
- Asha to put together a handout of the questions for Gayle to bring to the meeting with town logo on letterhead. Gayle will round up folks at the Town Hall at 3:30 to travel over together (Craig heading over straight from work).

Review requests/responses from town residents