MLP Board and Broadband Committee								
12.4.2017		6:00 PM		Town Hall				
Facilitator	Gayle Huntres	ss						
Minute Keeper	Asha Strazzero-Wild							
Committee Attendees	⊠Gayle Huntress ⊠Frank Cintino ⊠Graeme Sephton		⊠Asha Strazzero-Wild ⊠Steve Schmidt □Eric Stocker		⊠Craig Martin ⊠Ayers Hall (dialed in) □Kent Whitney			
Guest Attendees	Becky Torres (Town Admin) Jim Hemmingway (community member) Michael DeChiarra (Select Board)							
Approve Minutes from 9/12, 10/2, 10/16 ⊠Yes (unanimously approved) □NO □Not Applicable								

Admin Items

Discussion Notes

Update on WG&E

- WG&E is setting up a dashboard for us to track progress- should be up by 1/11 to track progress on splice and design work
- They are also setting up a document sharing site to share docs with WG&E
- . Note: We are the only town that has submitted any applications but partial cable towns are slightly ahead of us
- 12 Verizon apps out, estimates on 7, paid on 5
- Group hut purchase

Update on WW

- Gayle talked to Bill Ennen-\$45M from governor and all towns are guaranteed grants on the website
- Guessing January 2018 there will be additional guidelines to access the money
- WiredWest MOU discussion
 - o All committed to putting Shutesbury first
 - Still skepticism on numbers and don't want Shutesbury to be main town subsidizing
 - Committed to the three town ring with New Salem and Wendell; New Salem has been clear that they need to go with WiredWest to make this affordable
 - Cost is going to be hugely dependent on the mix of towns
 - We currently have one vote (out of 6) on the EC so if we want to keep that seat then we need to sign the MOU

Think about MLP structure- will need to be elected after the New Year- don't have to have an MLP Board. DOR. Do need an MLP manager but not necessarily mandated to have a board.

Motion to sign the WiredWest MOU- 3 yes, 1 abstain

Edge Issues

- Pelham- Pelham Hill Rd.
- Wendell- Old Egypt R (Jim says he can discuss with them
- New Salem- Cooleyville Rd, Wendell Rd- TBD
- Leverett extension
- Leverett connection- Off January Hills and Lock Pont Rd

Design

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Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Think about MLP structure- will need to be elected after the New Year	Team	ASAP
Gayle to ask WG&E for bid specs	Gayle	