

Shutesbury Broadband Committee			
11.22.2019	1 PM EST		Shutesbury Town Hall
Facilitator	Gayle Huntress		
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Committee Attendees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gayle Huntress Frank Citino <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Graeme Sephton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Hemingway Steve Schmidt Eric Stocker	Craig Martin Ayers Hall Kent Whitney
Other	Jim Crowley, Tom Powers, George Drake, Marjorie McGinnis, Rob Brooks, Becky Torres		

This meeting is to discuss the Inter-Municipal Mutual-Indefeasible Right of Use Agreement that, if agreed to, will provide broadband backup for both towns, Leverett and Shutesbury.

Leverett has had 4 serious outages since their network was built, hence the need for such a backup.

Some uncertainty about whether an indefeasible right of use can be exercised without approval at town meeting.

This agreement would be between Shutesbury and Leverett exclusively, a very simple agreement easy to understand and amend.
(Addendum: found out(post meeting) that Intermunicipal agreements are exempt from the 3 year restriction. Margie will redraft agreement to say ten year term with automatic renewal up to 25 years).

Modest cost to all this, mostly in the work needed for the fiber splices on the poles where the fiber networks of both towns meet.

One contractor to do the splicing, the bill for which will be split between the two towns. Leverett will take care of this.

There is a 10 gig connection pipe from MBI to Leverett's South POP.

Just fiber jumpers are involved in making the backup connection between the towns.

TimeLine: Leverett can get everything signed by the end of the year – same for Shutesbury. Phase 1 is where North Leverett Road and Lake Shore Drive(Shutesbury) meet which will be done by the end of this year; Phase 2 is on Broad Hill Road and Pratt Corner Road to be completed once the MLPs in both towns approve this part of the plan at some indefinite point in the future. Work to make the Phase 1 connection will wait until after the 17th of December after everything is agreed to and signed by the two Select Boards.

Any repairs to this interconnect will be paid for by the town in which the break or fault takes place.

Upcoming work:

Sign date: December 17th

Becky & Margie: Get proofs of insurance and waiver of subrogation ready by 17th.
Margie: Fix Leverett typo, write in terms, create separate signature pages, send clean copy

Jim C: line up Collins to do the splice work after the 17th

Becky: add agenda item for Select Board for the 17th to discuss/sign document

