

Shutesbury Broadband Committee		
10_20_2021	5:00 PM DST	On Line Zoom Meeting
Facilitator	Gayle Huntress	
Minutes	Jim Hemingway	
Committee Attendees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gayle Huntress <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Schmidt <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Graeme Sephton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Hemingway <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Craig Martin
Other		
Approved minutes for 9/15/2021		

Hut Report from Graeme: All is well with the hut's heating and cooling – HVAC units were flipped once again. Less than 30 help tickets this month – very few internet problems. Some cell phone/WiFi calling issues were reported, but they were due to connectivity issues in the cloud well outside of our control and Crocker's control.

Our 14 fiber spools have been moved a week or so ago behind the DPW salt shed across the street from Lot O-32. Gayle will inform Crocker of the location change.

Tri-Wire is still operating despite its bankruptcy filing. Crocker is investigating contracting/working with Sertex and/or Collins Electric for repairs.

Network diagram for Security Audit project has not been received from Crocker.

E911 announcement/info went out yesterday via Town Announce email. A few mixed reactions from our subscribers have been received so far.

Leverett is willing to share its left over fiber cable inventory with us should we need it for emergency repairs. We would do likewise. We will come up with a list of what we have and what they have in order to make this mutual aid possible, and will also share the list with WiredWest so we know what spare fiber is available in the whole region.

None of us were familiar with the 'regional IT network' grant that Leverett, Wendell and New Salem are currently investigating. Our Town Administrator is not interested in having Shutesbury join such a network. This is outside our purview since it relates to network setup and security within town buildings and systems rather than ISP network security.

Westfield Ring Protection discussion. Is our equipment compatible with what Westfield is proposing since we are using somewhat different equipment than what Westfield has installed elsewhere. Graeme feels that our Juniper equipment should work OK with the Cisco equipment that Westfield wants to use in this ring protection network that they are proposing.

Can we share a 10gig backhaul connection between the three or 4 towns (Leverett, Shutesbury, Wendell and New Salem) both for primary and backup service? If not, then the Westfield plan is unlikely to have much of an appeal to all 4 towns.

We have not received any of the information that Westfield promised to send to us at our meeting a week ago. Crocker would be where we would likely turn to next to create such a plan if this plan with Westfield does not work out.

Steve wondered whether the reliability and diversity of our MBI backup feed would benefit if it came down from Orange or New Salem instead of from 1 Federal St., Springfield. We will ask Crocker or WGE about this issue. Some uncertainty about where the MBI New Salem/Wendell MBI feed comes from. Craig has a map of the MBI network (published on their web site) that he will send around to us to examine.

MLP meeting concluded at 5:57pm followed by an Executive session to discuss upcoming ISP contract negotiations.

Unanimous board vote to convene the executive session for the purpose stated.

Set Next Meeting	
	Wednesday, November 17, 2021, 5:00pm