

# Shutesbury Broadband Committee

## Meeting

Monday, December 21st, 2015

6:30 PM- 8:30 PM

Shutesbury Town Hall

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12/16/15  
9:30 am



## AGENDA POSTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF MGL 30A §§18-25

1. **Take Attendance**
  - a. **Introduce Visitors**
2. **Action Item Review**
3. **Debrief on Saturday's WiredWest Meeting**
4. **Action Plan and Next Steps**
5. **Unanticipated Business**
6. **Adjourn**

Attendance: Gayle Huntress, Asha Strazzero-Wild, Eric Stocker, Steve Schmidt, Frank Citino, Craig Martin, Ayres Hall (dialing in), Guests: Mike Vinskey, Zenya Wild, Mary Serreze, a freelance reporter from MassLive/Republican

### Approve Minutes

- Unanimously approved

### 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
  - **Berri to figure out who is on the Board now and how they get appointed**
  - Asha look into getting the dates for upcoming meetings- Asha to start checking daily and emailing updates to committee

### Open Meeting Law Discussion:

- Keep an open document to collect and bring to the meeting and we'll start with what's on your mind

### Action Items:

- Ray from the Wendell Broadband Committee suggested that every 4-6 weeks we meet as Shutesbury/New Salem/ Wendell—one to two speakers 15-20 min on a relevant topic, etc network design model or vendor on a certain subject we want to learn more about to foster more collaboration.
- Robert and Ray are the co-chairs—let's aim to get together in January. **To do: Gayle will follow up and find a date for us and will loop in New Salem.**

#### Update on WiredWest Meeting

- WiredWest Executive Board Meeting- public meeting on Friday (Gayle and Steve went to observe), about a dozen people went overall
- WiredWest meeting on Saturday went 5 hours- Craig went.
  - Update on the meetings to date. MBI board telling Eric/MBI they need to work with WW. Board willing to revisit the ownership policy. Michael Morganstern presented a critical analysis. A few folks shared reactions to the messy process. Board heard that WW was not part of analysis. Linda Dunlavy spoke as well. Main thing was that MBI has invited WW to meet with them Tues/Wed/Thurs. Want to break down into the key issues – finance/ business model, governance/ ownership, and technology. Sounds like the RFP for design is or is going to go out very soon; MBI says it does include optimized placements of huts; see that it now makes sense in the design. Dave and Jim looking at hut placement- engineers will do that as a first step when hired. Possibly have lease agreements between towns?
  - Board voted on members for the negotiating teams: finance, governance and technology and two additional standing committees (not part of MBI negotiations) on Communications and Risk Analysis. Those committees meeting tonight and then trying to meet with MBI later this week.
- FRCOG economic development meeting 12/15/2015
  - WW as aggregator of towns- smart to do joint negotiations
  - Eric Nakajima was wary of WW to starting its own ISP.
  - He envisioned WW evolving "organically", so that in ~seven years they might take on additional operational roles.
  - He did say that the potential for a lack of bidders down the road was a risk of the single town model. Eric also said low number of bidders makes it hard – low # of vendors as a hazard.
- July document says that they will analyze all plans as one of the key bullets; MBI only analyzed WW but nothing else
  - Michael Morganstern critical of every model, not just WW and Leverett; not sure anything will work for a few towns
  - **To do: Ask MBI for a critical analysis of alternate regional model** (it won't be easy to plug in the "Leverett" model because of different density and road miles)
    - **To do: Gayle to craft a letter to Ed Donnelly- his job is to get us this information**
      - **Gayle will send out request for items we need to get from MBI**
    - Jim asked for a copy of the data that went into the report- **To do: Gayle to ask Jim if he's been able to get it**
- 3 options: regional network, single town option, wireless option
  - Disconnect of four towns that are spread out- spread out state representation
  - Agreement: Draft in January, then vote, and 30 days for towns to look it over

Basic language proposal to Select Board

Revote: The people want Broadband; don't necessarily think that they need to re-vote. Needs to be something comparable.

- All in favor of adding in extra language from Steve to support the Select Board letter
  - Steve will get the language finalized with the team and put on letterhead
  - First paragraph restates strengths as a town and strong resident support and high take rate
  - Second paragraph feels controversial
  - Group edit, **To do: Steve will connect with Becky to put together final letter (hoping to get it back to Select Board by Wed)**

Next meeting date: January 13<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30