

Shutesbury Broadband Committee

Communications Subcommittee Meeting

Wednesday, 4/15/15.

6:00-8:00 PM

Shutesbury Town Hall

AGENDA

- 1. Take Attendance**
- 2. Action Item Review – Subscription Campaign Status**
- 3. Get Out The Vote Campaign**
- 4. Wired West Issues**
- 5. Group Discussion and Collaboration**
- 6. Set and Review Items**
- 7. Unanticipated Items**

Adjourn

1. Take Attendance

Present: Committee members present were Gayle Huntress, Craig Martin, Steve Schmidt, Eric Stocker, Ayres Hall

2. The Broadband Committee letter to be put in the town wide mailing “Our Town” has been revised by removing any reference to a future election and submitted in time to be included.

3. The Committee must be sure that items funded by the Friends of Broadband are labeled as such.

4. Steve, then Gayle will give the brief information session about the fiber broadband project to the Select Board’s two info sessions, one from 3 to 5pm on 4/22, the other from 7 to 9pm on 4/29, prior to Town Meeting.

5. The Finance Committee will give a brief description of the town’s financial health to start off the Town Meeting.

6. Three to four hundred people are expected at Town Meeting, but it could be substantially more. Parking is a problem; one side of West Pelham Rd only. Walk, bike ride, carpool.

7. Be sure to sign in to Town Meeting so you'll be able to vote
8. MBI has a new number for our "not to exceed" bonding obligation: \$1,693,200. (\$1.67 million plus 2% for bonding cost.
9. The bonding itself is a one time event, usually occurring at or near the end of the build out project. But the project financing goes through many stages prior to the bonding.
10. For the median priced premise, \$243,000, the worst case scenario would be under \$13 per month on the tax bill. The best case would be to never have a tax increase.
11. At this date, Leverett has not yet gone out to bond, and has spent about \$6,000 so far.
12. The next meeting will be on 4/20 from 6 to 8 pm. Bill Stathis from Crocker Communications will present at 6:30 pm.
13. On 4/21 at 6:30 pm there is an open to the public Q and A at the Leverett Town Hall about the Leverett experience.
14. On 4/23 at 6 pm, MBI will host a community outreach at the Swift River School in New Salem.

Adjourn