

MLP Board/Broadband

MLP Board/BB Committee			
7.17.2017		6:30	Town Hall
Facilitator	Gayle Huntress		
Minute Keeper	Asha Strazzero-Wild		
Committee Attendees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gayle Huntress <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frank Cintino <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Graeme Sephton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asha Strazzero-Wild <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Schmidt <input type="checkbox"/> Ayers Hall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Craig Martin <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eric Stocker <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kent Whitney
Guest Attendees	Becky Torres (Town Admin)		
Approve Minutes from 7/10/2017 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable			
Updates			
Discussion Notes			
<p>Team reviewed the annual report- no comments.</p> <p>Pole Inventory Update (Gayle)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gayle got the outstanding data from MBI and sent over to Rick. All pole applications went in. Six poles in the Cushman area- Telco only so no need to put on applications. <p>Two snafus- back on track with both</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Companies said one check and now they want separate checks for every application- Gabe (Town Treasurer) rewrote the checks today. Still unclear who gets the license Town of Shutesbury or Town of Shutesbury MLP. Still unclear. Leverett replied as Town of Leverett/MLP. Becky working with Donna to get a legal perspective on this; as long as they get their money we think we'll be OK. It used to be that legally in MA 164 you have to be an MLP to have the town do this- last year this was changed (Mt. Washington set precedence here). License number should be re-assignable; Becky to check in with Donna about this. <p>Review of boiler plate WG&E contract (Steve)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One set of figures from WG&E and another from the Rowe/Shutesbury comparison (figures from David in Rowe) Very difficult word doc template; have to recalculate everything manually (should be in excel). Cost dependent on design and Eversource etc- Steve called and emailed and hasn't heard back from Erin at WG&E. Steve is going to plug and chug some figures and send it over to them for feedback. Craig talked to David/Rowe- Aaron says that difference is because they switched design contractors. David doesn't know why the new company, Precision Valley is higher than BBC and those prices were cheaper. Kent heard that they went to a larger company. Precision Valley is huge- Rick Durant says they are one of the biggest design firms in the NE. Ideally sign next week or the week after- goal to sign by August 1st. Per road mile costs (Shutesbury vs Shutesbury-Rowe): final strand map 86.50 vs 189; fiber/splice- 5.10 vs 5.46; Data collection 1,176 vs 589 Sample set of data- house, GPS location, street, length of curb to house and connection; assume a take rate of 100% for the drop rate <p>RFI Report out and Review of Draft (Kent)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RFI versus RFP- we are looking for information so going forward with an RFI versus RFP Goal to get out around August 1st and give a month of advertising and time for companies to respond Kent went to WG&E to get more information; 1000 customers/subscribers (still building out/ small MLP); \$70/1 Gbps service, 30% penetration into Comcast. People love local tv stations! Had two tiers but dropped it. Used depreciation for maintenance; use it. Bottom up costing. MLP/Public versus private company that can take risks- they think they can still do things like that and be competitive. We should use 39 road miles- does not include service drops. Frank will look into this. Two houses in Pelham – they have a gap with service- they can tap into us but they will have to pay the rental on the pole and the construction cost- more to come next week GROUP EDIT <p>FYI, CHR called Asha; she gave them a quick overview and they aren't really interested</p>			
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
Asha to send Susie the annual report	Asha	ASAP	
Becky to heck in with Donna about license number being re-assignable	Becky	ASAP	
Gayle to send Steve sample data sets (see above)	Gayle	ASAP	
MEETING WRAP UP			
Set Next Meeting			
7.17.2017	[Meeting Time]	[Meeting Location]	
Next mtg	July 24th next mtg		
Adjourn at 8:55			