

Shelburne Technology and Cable Advisory Committee

Minutes of Meeting of 5/10/18

Present: Michael Duffy, Larry Flaccus, Hugh Knox, Craig Miller, Hawley Waldman
Guests: John Payne

Meeting called to order by Michael Duffy at 6:30pm.

1. Minutes

- Flaccus appointed secretary pro-tem
- Minutes from 3/12/18 reviewed. Moved to approve by Waldman, Seconded: Knox
Action: approved unanimously

2. Comcast Update

Residents attended a public meeting at the Firehouse to hear an update of Comcast's plans and provide an opportunity to air concerns particularly about areas which are not presently planned for construction. A resident stated that he could install the poles if necessary.

Payne asked if the Town should pay for extra long drops.

Next Steps: Duffy to contact the Comcast construction manager regarding access to the Patton area without going through Colrain.

3. Colrain Fiber Network

- **Annual Meeting:** Town Meeting approved \$42k for engineering work per amended Westfield Gas and Electric proposal. Actual construction is estimated to be 12-14 months away.
- **Shelburne – WGE Intergovernmental Agreement:** Shelburne created a Municipal Light Plant several years ago, and that board would be responsible for managing the agreement. The cable owner pays the pole owner to rent space on each pole.
- **Shelburne – Colrain Intergovernmental Agreement:** now waiting for atty. Donna McNichol to review. Should we meet with her to discuss?
 - Is there a conflict of interest if she represents both Colrain and Shelburne?
 - Agreement needs to clarify who is responsible for maintenance, fees, user contracts, etc. (Our preference would for Shelburne not to be responsible for anything.)
 - Would there be a cut of revenue to cover legal expenses, etc.?
 - What happens if we want to extend to further areas in the future?
 - Do we need both WGE and Colrain agreements to proceed? – need Colrain agreement first.

Next Steps: Duffy will discuss with Town Attorney McNichol

4. Technology and Cable Advisory Committee Website presence

It was suggested we have a presence on the Town Website and a place to post minutes, track progress, etc. for the public to review.

Next Steps: Miller will propose a draft for next meeting.

8. Next Meeting and adjournment

- Next meeting TBA after discussion with McNichol.

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- Motion to adjourn by Flaccus, seconded by Knox.
Action: Approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Flaccus, Secretary Pro-tem