



LAMOILLE FIBERNET COMMUNICATIONS UNION DISTRICT PARTNERSHIP TASK FORCE MEETING

April 20, 2021

Meeting held by Zoom video-conference

MINUTES

- 1. Call to order. Task Force Chair, Larry Lackey, called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.**
- 2. Roll call. Committee members present: Larry Lackey, Carol Fano, Sam Lotto, Kipp Verner. Committee members absent: Lucy Rogers (joined at 6:18pm), Stephen Friedman. Other persons present: none.**
- 3. Designation of Clerk for meeting. Larry Lackey volunteered to take minutes of the meeting. Sam Lotto offered to take minutes at the next meeting.**
- 4. Approve agenda. Kipp Verner moved to adopt the agenda warned. Sam Lotto seconded. Motion passed 4-0.**
- 5. Approve minutes of 4/06/2021 meeting. Sam Lotto moved, and Kipp Verner seconded, to approve the minutes that were posted as a draft. Carol Fano abstained, since she did not attend the 4/6 meeting. Motion passed 3-0-1.**
- 6. Public comment. No members of the public, other than committee members, were present to comment.**
- 7. Report back on discussion with Stowe Access. Larry reported that Stephen Friedman, Scott Weathers, Chris Foran (Stowe's primary and alternate representatives to the CUD) and Larry spoke with Rick Rothammer, President of Stowe Access, to understand and confirm Stowe Access' plans to extend its network throughout Stowe by the end of 2023. Rick described the 2021 work now in progress, and confirmed Stowe Access is still planning to extend its network throughout the Town of Stowe with the exception of a few (roughly 50 to 60) addresses that are very difficult to reach and addresses that lack utility poles for aerial placement or conduit for underground placement of communications cables. (Lucy Rogers joined the meeting at 6:18 pm.) Larry reported the conversation also touched upon the possibility of the CUD assisting Stowe Access in informing the public about Stowe Access' schedule, what types of underground conduit are needed, and securing funding for installation of conduit for situations where groups of homes lack utility poles or conduit with spare capacity.**

- 8. Report on discussions with potential partners. Lucy Rogers moved to enter executive session to discuss negotiations with potential partners to the CUD, the premature disclosure of which would place the CUD at a substantial disadvantage. Sam Lotto seconded to motion. Motion passed 5-0. Lucy Rogers moved, seconded by Kipp Verrner, to leave executive session. The motion passed 5-0 at 7:52pm.**

- 9. Adjourn. Sam Lotto moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Kipp Verner. Motion passed, 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.**