



**LAMOILLE FIBERNET COMMUNICATIONS UNION DISTRICT  
PARTNERSHIP TASK FORCE MEETING  
February 1st, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.  
Location: Online Only  
DRAFT MINUTES**

**6:12pm Call to Order:** Larry Lackey called the meeting to order.

**6:13pm Roll Call:**

**PTF MEMBERS**

(P=Present, A=Absent)

Town	P/A	Representative
Belvidere	A	Kipp Verner
Cambridge	p	Sam Lotto
Hyde Park	P	Carol Fano
Stowe	P	Stephen Friedman
Waterville	P	Lucy Rogers – 6:27pm

**Other members attending:** Larry Lackey, ED Val Davis

**Public/Guests:** none

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**6:14pm Agenda changes & public comment:**

Sam Lotto requested to add “availability of equipment to agenda”.

**6:16 pm Consent Agenda:**

1. Approval of Consent agenda
2. Approval of the 1/18/2022 PTF Minutes
3. Public comment

A motion by Sam Lotto to approve the Consent agenda for February 1<sup>st</sup> 2022, was made. Seconded by Carol Fano. All in favor to approve the February 1st consent agenda.

A motion by Sam Lotto to approve the minutes from January 18th 2022, was made. Seconded by Stephen Friedman. All in favor to approve the January 18th, 2022 minutes.

No members of the public.

**6:18: Discussion of availability of equipment:** Sam Lotto brought up the fact that in the current environment that equipment is hard to get. Supply chain issues are creating shortages for ISPs and other network centric operations. This is something that we will have to be aware of. Sam suggests that the wait is 3 to 6 months for necessary equipment. Sam wonders if we should be asking potential partners about their plans. Larry mentioned that pole owners and other attachers would have to do make ready before we can do any construction. Sam suggested that when timing our deployment, we need to be aware of the supply chain issues. Val suggested that once we have a high level design we will know better what equipment we will need to provide and we can then begin to look at suppliers. Val also mentioned that VCUDA may be doing an electronics purchase. Val will follow up with VCUDA to get status on that.

**6:30pm Status update:** Still waiting on deliverables from Tilson and NRTC. Kevin Fitzgibbons was knocked out for a week with Covid which set things back. Tilson and NRTC are working together as NRTC needs Tilson's work to finish financial modeling. We are hopeful that we will have these deliverables in the near future. Stephen Friedman mentioned that Stowe Cable is continuing to build out in areas around Stowe. We then had a discussion about the prevalence of underground. Larry mentioned a long run of underground in the Eden South Pond area. Lucy gave us a legislative update and said there was nothing going on that affects broadband at this point in time. Lucy also mentioned that one area of concern is the Chittenden County towns that don't have universal access plans, but they don't see the value in joining a CUD. They are working on trying to figure out a strategy to get those communities connected without undermining the CUD model.

**6:55pm Next Meeting is February 15th**

**6:57pm Meeting adjourned:** a motion to adjourn meeting was made Stephen Friedman. Seconded by Sam Lotto. All were in favor to adjourn meeting.