



Governing Board Meeting
November 14, 2024, at 7:00 pm
Location: Virtual or LCPC offices
DRAFT MINUTES

7:03 pm- Call to Order: Jeff Tilton called the meeting to order and took roll call.

Committee Members Attending

(V=Present and Voting, P=Present, A=Absent)

Town	P/V	Representative	P/V	Alternate
Belvidere	V	Carol Caldwell-Edmonds	A	Pam McKenna
Cambridge	V	Sam Lotto	P	Matthew McCabe
Eden	A	Carey Earle		
Elmore	A	Trevor Braun		
Hyde Park	V	Carol Fano		
Johnson	V	Paul Warden	A	Mark Woodward
Morristown	V	Jane Campbell	P	John Meyer
Stowe	A	Stephen Friedman	A	John Woods
Waterville	V	Jeff Tilton	P	Scott Johnson
Wolcott	V	Andrew Ross		

Other Lamoille FiberNet attendees: Lisa Birmingham, Colette Jurnak

Public/Guests: None

7:06 pm- Agenda Changes: Lise requested we move the treasurer report back due to technical difficulties with the treasurer joining the meeting.

7:07 pm- Chair's Update: See Chair's update report. Briefly discussed Michael Rooney's resignation from the board and plans to find another Hyde Park representative.

7:09 pm- Public Comment: None

7:10 pm Draft budget discussion: Discussed that we currently have no comments from any of the towns. The floor was opened for public discussion. There was none.

7:15 pm- Construction Update:

Construction of the distribution network is done, and is currently being inspected by VCBB for certification. There may be some remaining funds, and we are working with VCBB staff and CCI to

determine if remaining funds can be used for Phase 1 non-standard long drops. The list of Phase 2 addresses that remain is being compiled.

Some questions arose about what we are doing to address constituent issues that have occurred during drop installations. The ED and Chair are meeting with CCI representatives several times weekly to ensure that all issues are addressed.

7:35 pm- Treasurer's Update:

We are doing well on our budget for the year. The audit was completed without major issues. The only comments related to timing of accruals as well as the donated fiber.

7:49 pm- Non-standard Drop Program Update:

Jeff provided an overview on the ARPA funding background, as well as how the plan has changed over time. We are also seeking to amend our contract with CCI to allow them to utilize remaining funds from Phase 1 to cover non-standard drops for Phase 1 addresses.

Sam provided an overview of the current draft of the policy for how to distribute the ARPA funds. Much discussion around which specific addresses are eligible for ARPA funds, and which addresses are eligible for Phase 1 funds.

9:14 pm- Jane moved that assuming that all non-standard addresses on the P1 address list will have access to the remaining P1 construction funds that should pay for all the costs of installation and that town ARPA funds are not restricted to Act 71 limitations, the recommendation of the task force is to follow their developed program as presented. The program should include addresses where P1 grant funds cannot be used, and clear and consistent criteria will be developed within each town to make decisions on how much is available to each address. Paul Seconded. No discussion, Carol F. abstained. All others voted in favor.

9:16 pm- Paul moved to authorize Lisa to work with CCI to arrange site visits to all non-standard P1 addresses assuming P1 addresses have access to remaining funds. Carol seconded. Discussion centered on understanding exactly what authorization Lisa needed and refining the language.

9:23 pm- Paul withdrew the motion

9:23 pm- Paul moved that assuming all non standard addresses on the P1 address list will have access to remaining P1 construction funds that should pay for all costs of installation, the board authorize Lisa to work with CCI to arrange site visits to all non-standard P1 addresses to expedite the installation process for as many addresses as possible this year. Carol C-E seconded. There was no discussion. Carol C.E., Sam, Paul, Andy, and Jeff voted in favor. None opposed. Jane and Carol F. abstained.

9:27 pm- Marketing and Communications Update: Jane discussed some updates to the website and our current strategy to refer all customer service inquiries to Fidium.

9:29 pm- Approval of Minutes: Sam moved to approve the Sept. 25th and Oct. 23rd minutes as edited. Jane seconded. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

9:33 pm- Adjourn: Sam moved to adjourn. Carol C.E. seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Matt McCabe

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