

WINCHESTER TOWN BROADBAND COMMITTEE

December 5, 2023 9:30am at Winchester Town Hall

Pending Approval of the Broadband Committee

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor John Grimmer at 9:38.

Present at meeting in person: Supervisor Grimmer, Supervisor Newton, Town Chair Joe Disciano, BB committee members Gary Engstrom, Nancy Johnson, VCEDC rep Bill Niemuth, Brightspeed project chair Kelly Shipley, Kathy from Brightspeed. On ZOOM: BB committee members Jim Hochstetter & Dave Lull, and 4 members of Brightspeed project team

Gary moved to accept the agenda, Nancy seconded. Motion carried

Approval of previous minutes postponed to next meeting

Public comments - none

Correspondence - none

Old Business/review proposal from Brightspeed:

Funding round dates are not final at this time but anticipate early/mid Summer

Brightspeed proposal discussion:

- Reviewed coverage map from October proposal
- Questions still remain on how the proposal matches the committee work on household coverage. To address this, Brightspeed will supply Supervisor Newton with detail behind the map shown in their proposal and Nic will compare the files. The goal is to have the project details confirmed by April in preparation for a grant round in June/July.
- Bill Niemuth mentioned that a Letter of Resolution from the Town of Winchester could get the project going for funding

Plan for next meeting is late January to review the data and discuss the options for town funding of the project

Adjourned at 10:30

Submitted by:

Nancy Johnson, Committee Secretary