

**Regular Meeting  
Broadband & Cell Committee  
Readsboro Town Office  
Wednesday, March 14, 2018 @ 4:30p.m  
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order @ 4:30

**Attendees:** Omar Smith, Bruce Busa, and Jim Franzinelli.

Agenda approved as read.

Minutes read and approved as written. Motion made by Bruce to accept minutes as presented. Seconded by Omar, so voted.

**Communications:**

Request for testimony of H582. Received email from Laura S. requesting that we call in to a conference call. Omar was present on the call. A ½ % user fee will be added to the phone bills to be used to expand the coverage area projects over the next 4 years. This is expected to generate \$1.4 million per year in revenues to build out last mile projects for unserved or under served areas in Vermont. The bill was passed 109 to 27.

**Old Business:**

**Existing Projects/Ongoing Efforts:**

Stamford – There is concern about not have the grant signed. The wording for the grant was an issue. We were reassured that the wording for the 71 locations in Readsboro was not mandatory.

Omar said that there may be some testing to be done this coming weekend and he will keep us updated.

The FairPoint project for North Hill will include Ruba Drive. We do not have a start date yet. But the should be completed in 2018.

There was no status on Coverage Co.

There are plans in process for cell coverage testing to be done in the spring.

**New Business:**

None

**Hearing of Visitors:**

None

**Adjournment:**

Bruce motioned to adjourn at 5:15 Omar seconded, so voted.

**Next meeting April 18, 2018 4:30pm**