

Town of Readsboro, Vermont
Broadband & Cell Committee
Regular Meeting
February 24, 2016

Present: Omar Smith, Robert Marechal, Rebecca Stone – Broadband & Cell Committee members

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Agenda Additions/Deletions

Added Review and Approval of February 17, 2016 meeting minutes under Old Business.

Old Business

- A) Omar moved to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2016 meeting as corrected. Becky seconded. So voted.
- B) Updates on Outreach to Broadband and Cell Service Providers: Bob provided an update to the communication he had with Sovernet and Fairpoint. Sovernet is installed at the school. Fairpoint indicated that the town does have fiber optic cabling in some areas.

New Business

- A) Discussion on Establishing Meeting with Providers, Department of Public Service (DPS) & Legislators: A meeting will be held with Fairpoint in the near future. A meeting with VTel will be held separately. Will discuss formulating a list of questions for VTel at the next BCC meeting. Invitations to meetings will be extended to legislators, keeping in mind a Monday meeting may better accommodate their schedules. Letter will be drafted to send to the DPS regarding connectivity issues, monies allocated for service, and commitments made by providers. Outreach to town officials in Halifax, Searsburg, Stamford, and Whitingham regarding broadband/cell service progress in their respective towns. Readsboro will plan to host a meeting for area towns regarding connection issues. Omar will draft letter to DPS and Becky will draft letter for towns.
- B) Review & Finalize Connectivity Questionnaire: Reviewed and finalized Connectivity Survey which will be made available to residents beginning next week.

Hearing of Visitors

None

Adjournment

Becky made motion to adjourn at 6:00 p.m. Omar seconded. So voted. Noted the next meeting will be held March 2, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Stone, Member
Broadband & Cell Committee