

Town of Readsboro, Vermont
Broadband & Cell Committee
Regular Meeting
March 16, 2016

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

Call to Order

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

Agenda Additions/Deletions

None.

Approval of Agenda

Approved as posted.

Reading & Approval of Records

Bob moved to approve the minutes of March 9, 2016. Becky seconded. So voted.

Communications

Discussed an email Omar had sent to BCC members concerning current services and options, the importance of working with the Department of Public Service, and identifying potential funding sources. Becky following up with Planning Commission and reviewing Town Plan as it relates to communications and economic development.

Old Business

A) Discuss Fairpoint Presentation

Discussed the hi-lights of the information presented by the representative from Fairpoint, noting underserved areas of town. Will plan to continue outreach to residents by obtaining more survey responses. Discussed possibly hosting a meeting in May to provide residents with a progress update.

B) Summary of Stamford Meeting

Bob presented information about Southern Vermont Broadband Cooperative located in Stamford. He indicated the co-op is 10 years old, non-profit, volunteer-based, offering high-speed internet service for \$35 per month. Further research is needed to see if a portion of Readsboro may be able to obtain service through SVBC.

New Business

Bob wished to issue another letter to the Department of Public Service requesting information about Fairpoint, similar to the letter sent to DPS regarding VTel data. The feedback we receive will assist in our efforts to update our connectivity mapping. Identifying zones and levels of service is critical.

Hearing of Visitors

None

Adjournment

Bob made motion to adjourn at 6:00 p.m. Becky seconded. So voted.

Noted the next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 24, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Stone, Member, Broadband & Cell Committee