

Town of Readsboro, Vermont  
Broadband & Cell Committee  
Regular Meeting  
March 30, 2016

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

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

Omar moved to approve the minutes of March 24, 2016. Bob seconded. So voted.

Communications

Legislative update from Representative Sibilila included reference to a connectivity meeting being held in Whitingham on April 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at the Jacksonville Municipal Center. Members of Readsboro BCC plan to attend. Another meeting was being held tonight in Wardsboro with VTel.

Old Business

A) Discussion on Strategic Plan

Discussed potential vision statements as drafted by all BCC members. No action taken.

Action Item 1 from previous meeting: Omar presented draft letter to DPS. Letter finalized to DPS requesting assistance with developing Strategic Plan.

Omar followed up with VTel about service on private property and provided installation costs and monthly fee information. Omar to reach out to VTel about tower signals.

B) Discuss Follow Up with CoverageCo, Verizon, AT&T, and Fairpoint

Discussed Action Items from previous meeting:

Action Item 2: Becky presented draft letter to CoverageCo. Letter finalized to CoverageCo requesting an update to the status of projects in Readsboro.

Action Item 3: Becky awaiting reply from Verizon regarding private towers and projects scheduled in Readsboro.

Action Item 4: Becky contacted AT&T regarding private towers and projects scheduled in Readsboro. AT&T confirmed they do not issue project lists, however, if someone is interested in placing a tower on their property there are steps to follow to find out if it is feasible for service.

Action Item 5: Bob followed up with Fairpoint about system upgrades and map updates. Fairpoint representative was aware of our request to the DPS. Fairpoint indicated they cannot do any map updates but asked if we can provide a street list. Becky will obtain the street list and Bob will convey the information to Fairpoint.

Action Item 6: Omar has confirmed with SVBC regarding testing various sites in town. Testing will be coordinated in the next few weeks.

Action Item 7: Conduct town-wide site visits with intention of updating service area map: Will be done in May by all members of BCC.

Action Item 8: An informational meeting will be scheduled with Fairpoint, legislators, and Department of Public Service in May, preferably Mondays or Tuesdays. A separate meeting will be scheduled with VTel. Becky to coordinate the meetings.

Action Item 9: Becky will provide progress updates of the BCC to legislators and DPS.

New Action Item: A list of town-owned properties and locations will be obtained for the next BCC meeting.

Hearing of Visitors

None

Adjournment

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

Noted the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 6, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Stone, Member, Broadband & Cell Committee