

Town of Readsboro, Vermont
Broadband & Cell Committee
Regular Meeting
April 13, 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

Under Old Business, add Strategic Plan Progress.

Approval of Agenda

Approved as amended with addition of Strategic Plan Progress.

Reading & Approval of Records

Omar moved to approve the minutes of April 6, 2016 as corrected. Bob seconded. So voted.

Communications

None

Old Business

A) Finalize Informational Meeting Dates in May

Informational meeting date has been established for Monday, May 23, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Readsboro Town Office. Officials from Fairpoint, Department of Public Service, and area Legislators will be attending. Will finalize a meeting announcement as the meeting date draws closer. Discussed meeting format. Becky will follow up with Fairpoint. Becky will do outreach via email to residents who have expressed an interest in attending meetings so they are aware of the May meeting date.

B) Progress with Broadband and Cell Providers

Becky reported that no response has been received from CoverageCo or Verizon and she will follow up again. Omar indicated testing will be done by Southern Vermont Broadband Cooperative and plans to meet with them during the testing. Discussed utility companies and providers in Vermont and the need for expanding infrastructure for the State. Bob to follow up with Representative Sibilila and Clay Purvis with the Department of Public Service. Discussed future grant funding initiatives and potential for regional applications.

C) Strategic Plan Progress

Omar presented a Strategic Plan draft for review. All BCC members will work on identifying goals, objectives, and action plans for high-speed internet and cell phone coverage.

New Business

None

Hearing of Visitors

None

Adjournment

Omar made a motion to adjourn at 6:08 p.m. Bob seconded. So voted.

Noted the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Stone, Member, Broadband & Cell Committee