

TOWN OF PRESQUE ISLE

Broadband Committee

Minutes January 24, 2022, 7:00pm, Zoom Meeting

Members Present: Dave Bogan, Paul Specht, Nick Williams, Eric Benn, Philip Schaffner, Gary Plouff.
Absent: Christine Wolter. Also Present: Cathy Logan Weber, Gary Owens. Co-Chairmen Paul Specht called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Item 1). A motion was made by Dave Bogan and seconded by Eric Benn to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2022 meeting of the Broadband Committee. Motion carried.

Item 2). Paul Specht updated the Committee on discussions and information exchanges with Charter over the last week. The Committee is awaiting more definitive information on project cost from Charter. The Committee will be brought into the loop as soon as information of substance is received.

Item 3). Gary Owens shared information about current Cable and Easement regulations and how they will impact the work of our selected ISP and the Town going forward.

Item 4). Dave Bogan and Paul Specht supplied the Committee with the final draft of an article to be in the February 3rd addition of the Northwoods Review and the process from the original request for information from the Newspaper to the final text. The article will be run alongside an article expressing the thoughts of a group of individuals promoting an alternative approach to the town-wide broadband approaches the Committee is researching at the request of the Town Board in preparation for making a recommendation to the Town Board on how best to move forward.

Item 5.) Work being done by Gary Owens to lay out product bundling options and costs by potential ISPs for comparison was discussed. Gary has presented a draft to Dave and Paul and the hope is to have something ready to share with the Committee at its next regular meeting.

Item 6.) Nick Williams provided the Committee with an update on the pledge solicitation process and pledge totals received to-date. The topic of pledge targets as well as targets for additional letter of support were also discussed. Committee members were asked to submit their lists of pledge and letter of support targets highlighting those they would feel comfortable personally approaching, to Paul Specht prior to the next regular meeting of the Committee.

Item 7). On a motion from Dave Bogan seconded by Nick Williams the meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for January 31, 2022 at 7:00pm via Zoom.

Respectively submitted, Paul Specht.