

TOWN OF PRESQUE ISLE

Broadband Committee

Minutes January 3, 2022, 7:00pm, Zoom Meeting

Members Present: Dave Bogan, Gary Plouff, Paul Specht, Nick Williams and Christine Wolter. Absent: Eric Benn, Philip Schaffner. Also Present: Cathy Logan Weber, Gary Owens. Co-Chairmen Paul Specht called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

Item 1). A motion was made by Nick Williams and seconded by Dave Bogan to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2021 meeting of the Committee. Motion carried.

Item 2). Dave Bogan updated the Committee on the status of discussions with Charter stating that he had sent the signed Non-Disclosure Agreement to them before the holidays and reached out to them again this morning (January 3rd) for potential meeting dates. Paul Specht added that there has been no additional conversations with Lumen since discussions prior to the holidays on the PSC grant application process also indicating that the ball is in the "Committee's court" for reengaging in discussions at this point.

Item 3.) Being that there was no new substantive information to share with the Town Board at this point, it was decided not to present to the Board at its January 6th meeting. Cathy Logan was asked to share the Committee's reasoning for not appearing with the Board if asked.

Item 4.) Nick Williams provided the Committee with information about a letter he had sent to the Crab Lake Property Owners Association encouraging its Board and its members to consider pledging donations in support of the Town's Broadband initiative and any related grant application. Mr. Williams will provide a copy of the letter to the Committee to help assist in the creation of a broad pledge campaign. Christine Wolter reported that she is still in receipt of letters of support resulting from the Town-wide informational mailing conducted in November. Letters received to date have been merged into a common file for later access during the grant application process. It was also stated that the letters received could be used as a source for targeted pledge requests.

Item 5.) Paul Specht provided an updated list of remaining tasks that need to be addressed by the Committee as it moves toward the PSC grant application deadline of March 17, 2022. The Committee was asked to take a look at the list and to be prepared to discuss those they felt to be of priority at the next meeting in preparation for task assignments. The Committee was also provided with digital copies of the current PSC grant application and Boulder Junction's completed application from a previous PSC grant cycle for future reference and comparison.

Item 6.) On a motion for Dave Bogan seconded by Christine Wolter, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34pm.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for January 10, 2022 at 7:00pm via Zoom.

Respectively submitted, Paul Specht.

