

# TOWN OF PRESQUE ISLE

## Broadband Committee

### Minutes

February 14, 2022, 7:00pm, Zoom Meeting

Members Present: Dave Bogan, Paul Specht, Nick Williams, Eric Benn, Gary Plouff, Phillip Schaffner, Christine Wolter. Absent: None. Also Present: Cathy Logan Weber.

Co-Chairmen Paul Specht called the meeting to order at 7: 00pm.

Item 1). A motion was made by Christine Wolter and seconded by Nick Williams to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2022 meeting of the Broadband Committee. Motion carried.

Item 2). Paul Specht updated the Committee about on-going discussions with Charter Communications stating that no substantive discussions or receipts of information had occurred since the Committee's previous meeting. Charter was notified that a Special Town meeting to bring property owners and residents up to speed on the status of talks with Charter and recommendations for moving forward has been scheduled for February 24<sup>th</sup>. It is anticipated an advisory vote on how to proceed forward to expand Broadband for the Town will be held at that meeting. Charter indicated that they would get the information we need from them in time for that meeting. Paul sent Charter a follow-up email earlier in the day reminding Charter of the Committee's information needs and related timeline for receipt.

Item 3). Dave Bogan gave a brief update on where he was in the process of creating the informational presentation to be used at the Special Town meeting on February 24<sup>th</sup>.

Item 4). Nick Williams discussed the Business Letter of Support and Pledge communication letter he had sent the Committee members prior to the meeting. The group discussed timing and process of contacting businesses previously identified as potential targets. The group also suggested additions to be made to the Solicitation Target List. Individual Committee member selections of targets they would contact were also noted on the Target List.

Item 5). The impact of the delay in publication of a Northwoods Review article on the work of the Committee until early March as it relates to the content of that article was discussed. Paul Specht will contact Rebecca Nelsen to discuss how best to proceed.

Item 6). The Committee set February 22<sup>n</sup> as its preferred date for the Closed Door Board Session to discuss the Committee's ISP and related project recommendations with Board. Paul Specht was to work with the Town Clerk to formally set up this meeting.

Item 6.) On a motion from Dave Bogan seconded by Phillip Schaffner the meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for February 21, 2022 at 7:00pm via Zoom.

Respectively submitted, Paul Specht.

