

TOWN OF PRESQUE ISLE

Broadband Committee

Minutes

June 6, 2022, 7:00pm, Zoom Meeting

Members Present: Dave Bogan, Paul Specht, Nick Williams, Eric Benn, Philip Schaffner, Gary Plouff. Absent With Notification: Chris Wolter. 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 Philip Schaffner to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2022 meeting of the Broadband Committee. Motion carried.

Item 2). Paul Specht informed the Committee that he had reached out to Celeste Flynn of Charter for any update Charter may be able provide on the status of our grant application and if a template of the Memorandum of Understanding that would need to be executed was ready for Committee review. Celeste reported back that Charter was of the belief that grant announcements would be made by the PSC before the end of the month. She also confirmed their knowledge of a \$24 million addition to the \$100 million originally available for this round of grants. The Committee suggested additional questions, including the statue of the MOU template, questions that should be posed to Charter. Paul will send these questions to Charter and provide the Committee with responses when received.

Item 3). Gary Owens reported that he talked to John MacLean about the desire of the Committee to have Gary appointed a member. John's response suggested is agreement with such an appointment but he would prefer to hold of making it "until the timing is right". Gary agreed to continue attending the Committee's meetings in the interim.

Item 4). Paul Specht provided the Committee with a summary of a brief conversation had with the Town Chair of Manitowish Waters John Hanson on the status of its work with Brightspeed to-date to move forward with a plan for providing fiber service to parts of the Town.

Item 6). Dave Bogan reported that there is no plan to do any substantive work on the website until grant dollars are approved and Charter can be brought into related discussions.

Item7). On a motion from Dave Bogan seconded by Eric Benn the meeting was adjourned at 7:18pm.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for July 11, 2022 at 7:00pm via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted, Paul Specht