

TOWN OF PRESQUE ISLE

Broadband Committee

Minutes

February 21, 2023, 7:00pm, Zoom Meeting

Members Present: Dave Bogan, Paul Specht, Nick Williams, Eric Benn, Christine Wolter. Absent with Notice: Gary Plouff. Absent: Philip Schaffner. Also Present: Cathy Logan Weber

Co-Chairmen Paul Specht called the meeting to order at 7: 02pm.

Item 1). A motion was made by Dave Bogan and seconded by Nick Williams to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2023 meeting of the Broadband Committee. Motion carried.

Item 2.) The Board discussed the recent resignation of Gary Owens from the Committee including items to be considered to transition to his departure. Committee members present recognized Gary's valuable industry specific expertise he brought to the Committee, as well as, all his efforts to help move the Broadband Expansion project forward toward implementation.

Item 3). Paul Specht and Dave Bogan updated the Committee on the status of discussions with Spectrum to finalize the Broadband Grant Contribution Agreement (BGCA) (timing of payments from the Town) and a broader Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Spectrum and the Town. The intent of the MOU is to set project expectations and accountabilities for both Spectrum and the Town. A key accountability to be defined is the handling of private roads and the attainment of related easements. Gary Owens had played a key role in earlier discussions with Spectrum on this issue as well as identifying other information needs for finalization of the MOU. Gary provided an update of the status of his work to the Committee as he departed and will be completing in the days to come the additional task of logging the questions earlier posed to Spectrum related to the MOU that are still outstanding.

Item 3). Dave Bogan updated the Committee on Broadband Website development activity since the last meeting. Property owner subscriptions to the website continue to grow. Work continues on the content to be included in the popular FAQs section of the Website along with educational materials to help keep property owners informed about the project and to set appropriate expectations as the project progresses forward. Dave also reported an emerging issue not directly related to the project but affects Town residents that currently have email addresses through Centurytel/CenturyLink that may require action by these residents. Dave will be developing an informational piece related to the issue for inclusion on the Website.

Item 4). The next Meeting of the Committee was schedule for Monday, March 20, 2023 at 7:00pm via Zoom.

Item 5). On a motion from Dave Bogan seconded by Eric Nick Williams, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm.

Respectfully submitted, Paul Specht