Broadband Committee Meeting
Monday, 10-17-22 10:00 am
Surry Town Office
Minutes

ATTENDEES:

Bill Matlock, Bob Reder, George Borowsky, Chris Stark, Phil Roberts, Heather Brackett

**Meeting started at 10AM**

Opened the meeting to review the minutes from September:

Reviewed the 9/13/22 minutes and the 9/28/minutes. Bill motioned to approve the minutes with the following amendments:

9/13 minutes clarifications: Minimum of $700 from ISP and/or municipality per passing Sept 13 “The greater the portion the town kicks in the more competitive it will be in applying for the MCA grant.”

Motion approved unanimously.

At 10:06, Bill made a motion that the Broadband Committee go into **Executive Session** pursuant to 1 MRSA section 405(6)(C) to review Request for Proposal applications from Internet Service Providers, seconded, approved unanimously.

**12:33 pm – Motion and Voted unanimously to end Executive Session**

The committee concluded that Consolidated was the only ISP to meet our requirements. We would like to negotiate a definitive agreement to provide broadband to project area.

Bob moved, Bill seconded and voted unanimously to present RFP from Consolidated Communications to the Select Board

Bill moved, seconded and voted unanimously that the Select Board allow us to apply for grants from Maine Connectivity Authority and authorize to mount an application to Hancock County (ARPA-Broadband)

Moved, seconded and voted unanimously that George follow up with questions to Consolidated Communications about the RFP.

Committee summarized that we will go ahead in pursuing the Maine Connectivity Authority Connect the Ready grant and explore other funding options to build out the rest of Surry with high speed fiber-optic broadband.

Meeting closed at 12:35 pm