

Westmoreland Broadband Advisory Committee  
Minutes of the  
**Connect Westmoreland: The Future is Fiber**  
A Public Meeting Discussing the Public Benefit Findings for  
Creating a Public/Private Partnership with Consolidated Communications, Inc.  
to Create a 1G Fiber-to-the-Home Network in Westmoreland, NH  
December 9, 2019

Times are approximate:

6:30 – 6:35: John Snowdon opened the meeting by greeting the approximately 50 people in attendance and thanking a number of private and public individuals for providing information to the committee in order so we could reach this milestone meeting.

6:35 – 6:50: Chris Ballou and JJ Prior present information about work the committee has accomplished, the town survey showing need, discusses SB170, the RFI replies, the RFP to providers, the RFPs received, cost and acceptance of Consolidated Communications, Inc (CCI) proposal, the public benefits the town receives, bonding and next steps.

6:50 – 7:20: Robert Koester, CCI VP, discusses why CCI is qualified to build the fiber network, how the network will work, pricing, timing and the future benefits CCI receives and the guarantee of the bond. Mr Koester then demos CCI TV, CCI's streaming television service.

7:20 – 7:45: Questions and comments from the audience are answered by CCI and WBAC members. Questions/comments include CCI customer service, whether 5G is part of the network build out (it's not), timing, pricing, bonding and CCI's commitment to guarantee the bond, and CCI's future plans for using the network.

7:45: John Snowdon closes the meeting by thanking the audience for their time and letting them know the only way this network can be built is by approving the town bond at Town Meeting on March 10.

Note:

An unedited webcast of the meeting may be viewed online at:

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Respectfully submitted by  
John Snowdon