

Town of Readsboro
Broadband & Cell Committee Meeting
The Readsboro Town Office
January 2, 2019

Attendance:

Omar Smith, Bruce Busa, Karen Boisvert

Call to Order:

Omar called the meeting to order at 4:12 pm

Agenda Additions/ Deletions:

The minutes of 4/18/18 were to be approved not 3/14/18 as stated on the agenda

Approval of Agenda:

Omar made a motion to accept the agenda as amended, Bruce seconded. So voted.

Reading & Approval of Records:

Minutes of previous meeting of 4/18/18

Bruce made a motion to accept the minutes of 4/18/18 as written, Omar seconded. So voted.

Communications:

Info on LOI for USDA

Omar gave a brief summary on the LOI and how it came about. Wording was finalized and will be submitted by the Towns Administrative Assistant that evening.

Old Business:

Review/Update of existing projects;

- 1) Consolidated Communications received a 3 year grant to build out on North Hill. This will include parts of King Hill Road, Potter Hill Road and Bailey Hill Road. The last Omar had heard materials had already been purchased and they were finishing up the engineering phase. He suspects the project would get started in the summer of 2019 at the earliest.
- 2) The SVBC (Stamford) project is at a standstill. They were having some problems with equipment. Omar will reach out to them for an update.
- 3) VTel- Phil Edelstein has reported that a new tower will be installed in Whitingham. This site is 4 miles from Readsboro. It is suspected once the tower is up and operational it could have a usable signal to many homes in Readsboro that are on the east side of the mountains.

Review/discuss other ongoing efforts and issues:

Coverage Co that is installed at the Fire House for the village is old technology and the DPS is having a hard time finding someone to take them over. Omar and Phil Edelstein will be doing some cell phone testing with a portable amplifier. They will be testing signals for AT&T and Verizon as well as doing some mapping

New Business:

Reorganization/ Election of Officers

Bruce made a motion to have Omar as Chair, Omar seconded. So voted.

Karen volunteered to take minutes and keep the records.

Omar suggested having regular monthly meetings on the first Wednesday of the month at 4:15 pm at the Town Office.

The Committee is still looking for active participants to join the Committee. It was suggested to try to find volunteers from each section/hill in Town.

Hearing of Visitors:

None

Adjournment:

Omar made a motion to adjourn at 5:30 pm, Bruce seconded. So voted
Next meeting to be on February 6, 2019 @ 4:15 pm at the town Office

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Boisvert
January 3, 2019