

Town of Readsboro
Broadband & Cell Committee Meeting
The Readsboro Town Office
January 8, 2019

Attendance: Karen Boisvert, Bruce Busa, Omar Smith Chris Lynch

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 3:55pm

Agenda Additions/ Deletions

None

Approval of Agenda:

Karen made a motion accept the agenda as written, Bruce second. So voted.

Reading & Approval of Records:

Minutes of the previous regular meeting of 12/3/19:

Bruce made a motion to accept the minutes from the previous regular meeting of 12/3/19, Omar second. So voted

Communications:

Karen received 3 bids for the pole study.

Old Business:

A) Cell installation at Firehouse, any updates:

Antena has been installed and is up and running. Currently there are 3 service providers that are working. ATT, TMobile and Sprint. Verizon Wireless and US Cellular have still not signed roaming agreements. Clay Purvis is working with Wireless Partners to potentially add them.

B) Review bids from RFP for pole study, discuss RBDG grant reporting:

Bids were opened and were as follows:

1. Precision Valley Communications of Vermont, LLC. \$32,618
2. Maverick Construction Corporation. \$63,368.50
3. Matrix Design Group. \$29,842

Tabled for further review of proposals. A Special Meeting to award the bid is to be posted for Monday 1/13/2020 at 4pm.

Karen stated that all the quarterly reports for the RBDG grant have been completed.

C) Review info for on town survey regarding interest in fiber network:

Sample survey was discussed and it was decided to add the following.

1. VOIP to be spelled out Voice over internet protocol (telephone line)
2. A space for comments
3. A question regarding current speed of residents internet service
4. A statement included at the bottom of the survey stating that tax money from the general ledger can not be used to build this network.

D) Review info for proposal for engineering a fixed wireless network for Readsboro:

We received a spreadsheet from Interisle, they estimate that 17 poles would be needed for the wireless system. Tabled until next meeting to review data.

New Business:

A) End of year report for Town Report:

Omar has completed the report for the Town Report. Karen and Bruce will look it over and give their feedback before it is forwarded to the Town Office.

Hearing of Visitors:

Raymond Eilers made a statement about hearing in the Vermont Digger that 35 towns were forming a CUD for the opportunity to receive State funds. This will be brought up at the next joint meeting on 1/15/2020 in Jacksonville.

Chris informed us that Stamford had requested a proposal from Matrix Design and that perhaps they would be a better fit for a CUD for Readsboro.

Adjournment:

Karen made a motion to adjourn at 4:56pm, Bruce second. So voted.
Next Regular Meeting scheduled for 2/5/2020 at 4pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Boisvert
January 9, 2020