

Town of Readsboro  
Broadband & Cell Committee Meeting  
The Readsboro Town Office  
June 10, 2020

**Attendance: Karen Boisvert**

**Via Zoom: Omar Smith Raymond Eilers, Bruce Busa**

**Call to Order:**

Meeting called to order at 4:06pm

**Agenda Additions/ Deletions**

**Approval of Agenda:**

Omar made a motion to approve the agenda as written, Karen second.

**Reading & Approval of Records:**

**Minutes from the previous meeting on 5/6/2020:**

Omar made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, Karen second.

**Communications:**

None

**Old Business:**

**A) Matrix Pole Study Progress:**

Matrix is on schedule to finish the project on time before July 1,2020.

Field work is being completed this week and data will be verified before their final report is given. Alpenwald will be completed including Stamford residents. Stamford portion will not be billed to the Town of Readsboro. The pole estimate that was given to Matrix was good and they will not be going over the estimate.

A break down of services will be sent upon completion for grant reporting purposes.

Karen will fill out the paperwork and forward to Omar for review before submitting for reimbursement.

**B) RBDG grant process discussion:**

Karen will inquire on the grant contribution ratios if the project comes in under budget.

The question was if the grant amount was \$39,000 and the Towns contribution was \$10,000 is the Town going to have to pay the \$10,000 first before grant funds are used or is it in proportion to the original break down provided in the application process.

**C) DVCUD update:**

Vendor and Finance Committees have been formed and the formal board has been created. Minutes from their meetings are being posted at [dvfiber.org](http://dvfiber.org),

Omar is part of the Vendor Committee. The Vendor Committee is currently looking into 12 companies/vendors. These companies' services range from design, engineering, construction, and operating capacities.

Omar stated that there are now 10 towns included in the union including Stamford.

Omar stated that they are looking into RDOF (Rural Development Opportunity Fund) grant this is a reverse action grant and would be awarded to the best network for the lowest price and is thru the FCC.

The next meeting of the DVCUD will be on 6/17/2020 at 5pm.

**D) VTEL pole install proposal:**

VTEL had originally proposed putting up a tower on the Zboray property located on Grinka Farm Drive. They have recently approached the Town to put the tower on Town property and now they are looking into another property that would focus more on the outskirts of residents rather than the village. Information has been sent to the Town Attorney for review. The Town is not eligible for any grants thru RUS due to VTEL receiving one from them and having them indicate that the Town of Readsboro has service provided thru them.

Omar has signed up for their service. He feels it works but is not great and the service is not as fast as they advertise at least at his residence. Verizon Wireless has been testing on their sites and seems to be working well.

**E) Wireless Partners:**

Omar has reached out to them with no reply. There has been reports of the service not working properly. People have reported that it seems to work fine in the morning and then service fizzles out.

**New Business:**

None

**Hearing of Visitors:**

None

**Next Meeting:**

July 8, 2020 at 4pm

**Adjournment:**

Karen made a motion to adjourn at 4:57pm, Bruce second

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Boisvert

June 11, 2020