

Town of Readsboro  
Broadband & Cell Committee Meeting  
The Readsboro Town Office  
May 6, 2019  
**CALL IN NUMBER TO ATTEND REMOTELY**  
**1-646-558-8656 PIN:921 504 5603**

**Attendance:** Karen Boisvert at office, Omar Smith remotely

**Call to Order:**

Meeting called to order at 4:05pm

**Agenda Additions/ Deletions**

Wireless Partners-Update added to Old Business.

**Approval of Agenda:**

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

**Reading & Approval of Records:**

Omar made a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting of 2/25/20 as written, Karen second. So voted.

**Communications:**

**A) VT DPS Rob Fish, etc. on WIFI Hot Spot**

The State was offering free WIFI Hot Spots for Towns. After much discussion with the SVUUSD and the WSSU they refused access at the school. Other possible locations are being investigated.

**B) Call from VTel President Michel Guite**

Stan Coleman came to do testing at several locations for a potential VTel transmission tower or pole with a drone. Three locations were tested. He also tested for a possible WIFI "Hot Spot" location with a powered antenna. The town owned band stand was identified as a possibility.

**Old Business:**

**A) Matrix Pole Study, any updated:**

Pole Study was scheduled to begin on April 27, 2020 however due to COVID-19 concerns it has been postponed until employee safety can be assured.

Karen will contact Susan Poland about the possibility of extending the RBDG grant deadline.

**B) DVCUD updates and progress:**

The Deerfield Valley Communication Union District has been formed. With Readsboro and Wardsboro joining there is now 7 towns in the Union. They have been in contact with 14 vendors and are scheduling teleconferences with them to better understand how they might help the CUD build a fiber network.

**C) Wireless Partners-Update:**

Wireless Partners has reached out to Verizon for roaming agreement. No progress has been made as of today.

**New Business:**

**A) Discussion on VTEL;**

1).After being contacted by Michel Guite of VTel Omar reached out to Laura Sibia and Clay Purvis with concerns that VTEL might want to get involved in Readsboro solely for Federal Funding to upgrade their equipment. He was also concerned that if the Town got involved with them it might hurt our chances of future grant funding. Representative Sibia understood the desire for potentially more service so recommended discussing with DPS and Mr. Purvis recommended that we most likely are already blocked from certain Federal grant streams so working with VTEL would not further hurt our funding options in the future. VTEL has a first choice of a tower location at the Zboray property on Grinka Farm but have not reached an agreement. They are also looking into placing an antenna at the Town Owned property that currently hold the water tank as a second option.

2.) Omar requested that he be copied on all future correspondences regarding the BCC including grant providers, vendors or any other related correspondences so that he may reply to anything that might need immediate attention.

**Hearing of Visitors:**

None

**Next Meeting:**

Next meeting tentatively scheduled for Wednesday June 3, 2020 at 4PM

**Adjournment:**

Karen made a motion to adjourn at 4:30pm, Omar second. So voted

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karen Boisvert  
May 7, 2019