

MINUTES
Town of New Marlborough Broadband Committee
Wednesday, July 6, 2016, 9:00 a.m.

1. The following Committee members were present:

Steve Klein
Richard Long
Michele Shalaby
Tom Stalker
Owen Wright

constituting all the members of the Committee; whereupon, Mr. Long called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

On motion duly made, seconded and voted by all members present, the Minutes of the June 22, 2016, meeting were approved as submitted.

2. Mr. Long reported that the latest Five Town group meeting was to occur in the context of a meeting of the Tolland Broadband Committee with Fred Goldstein reporting on how a wireless system could work in the Town of Tolland. Long did attend the meeting in which it appeared that Tolland while recognizing the cost advantages of wireless also was concerned with some of the limitations on bandwidth and scalability. Previously, that evening Goldstein had met with the Town of Monterey.

3. The Committee discussed next week's scheduled presentation by Frontier Communications of a conceptual proposal for the delivery of broadband internet to New Marlborough. In light of expected guests and interested, local parties, there was discussion of meeting format and the process that would be followed for questions or comments.

4. Under other business, the Committee noted Mr. Long had contact with Michael Kaneb, Deputy Legal Counsel in the Governor's office concerning possible legislation to be advanced by the State enabling Town's to enter into long-term contractual/financial commitments with a private entity. It was noted that Sean Cronin, Director of Local Services of DOR, will need to be a future contact for the Town given the DLS role in the Readiness process. Procurement rules were also noted and discussed.

Copies of the extensive readiness documentation and related guidelines were passed to the group noting the extensive effort required for completion. Further, completion requires continuing progress with Frontier and feedback from Frontier for moving forward.

The Committee discussed the potential hiring of legal counsel to advise the Town on procurement issues, long-term financial commitments and any ultimate contractual agreement with Frontier.

5. On motion duly made, seconded and with unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas R. Stalker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "A" at the end.

Thomas R. Stalker, Secretary