

MINUTES
Town of New Marlborough Broadband Committee
Tuesday, August 2, 2016, 9:00 a.m.

1. The following Committee members were present:

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Richard Long
Michele Shalaby
Tom Stalker
Owen Wright

constituting a quorum of the members of the Committee; whereupon, Mr. Long called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Also present was John Furey, Program Manager from MBI for the New Marlborough Readiness process.

2. Minutes of the July 19, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved.

3. The primary purpose of the meeting was to go through the Readiness application form item by item with Mr. Furey. As New Marlborough elected MBI Model A, a public/private partnership to provide broadband internet access, important sections of the Readiness application form will need to wait until further information is available from Frontier Communications. Other sections, more clerical in nature, were completed. Mr. Furey provided clarifications for some items. As the form is electronic, we will date and forward revisions as made.

Separately, Mr. Furey reported that consideration is being given to overfishing the middle mile or alternatively finding a way to allow Towns to use some of the dark fiber in the middle mile.

4. Mr. Long reported a telcon on July 29 with Phil Holohan, General Counsel of MBI. He noted that active consideration is underway as respects authority for Towns to enter into long-term, non-bond, financial obligations, as well as procurement issues. He invited attendance at a working meeting in Boston on August 3. It was agreed to attend in person and by phone.

5. The next meeting was scheduled for August 9, 2016 at 8:00 a.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas R. Stalker, Secretary