

## **WiredWest Board of Directors Meeting**

June 14th, 2014, 9:30 AM

Washington Town Hall, Washington, Ma.

No quorum of Delegates or Executive Committee Members

EC members present: Jim Drawe, Monica Webb, Glenn Cardinal, Steve Nelson, and executive director, David Epstein.

Approval of B.O.D. minutes tabled- No quorum

IT bond bill update shared with attendees

David Epstein shared information on the Franklin County Council of Governments Selectmen's meeting in Charlemont that discussed building your own "fiber" internet system in your town. The main speaker was Peter D'ricco of Leverett. The feeling, at that meeting, was that most, if not all of the WW towns would not be able to go it on their own, as did Leverett. David also shared where the FCC CAF funding potential is currently positioned.

Steve Nelson discussed WW by-laws and governance as it pertains to towns outside Berkshire and Franklin counties. A difference of opinion was shared with the delegates on allowing towns outside the original counties, as to whether they should be permitted. The final outcome will be decided at a later date.

ISP update: Our one client is getting closer, we have been bonded so work may proceed to get the client connected.

Cable towns: A reminder that each cable town must acquire from Comcast, the exact amount it will take to completely build-out each partially cabled town. When the figures are received, delegates were requested to send them along to EC member, Glenn Cardinal. When MBI decides to incentivize the cable operators, we all need to know what the cost is, and WW will push to get the money. WW will also suggest that MBI deliver the money to the individual towns rather than directly to the Cable companies. Re-negotiating Cable Franchise agreements will also have to be done.

Marketing: Not much going on presently.

Governance/Legal: Update on work with MBI's legal council pertaining to Bonding mechanisms. Some progress has been made.

Finance: Jim Drawe handed out the balance sheet and discussed where WW stands at the moment.

Technology: Kevin Cahill not present, no update.

Town Liaison: Becky Torres not present.

Other director input: By a show of hands, it seems all members towns present at this meeting have anteed up the WW fee. Letters to the Select boards have had a positive response, and will be forwarded to state legislators.

Steve Nelson reported to the delegates that he and Jean have been going thru the "MLP" certificates and other paperwork to make sure all is in order. There seems to be several missing or incorrect documents that will need to be corrected or found. Every delegate with document issues will be contacted for corrections.

Next Board of Directors meeting to be held on July 26th, in Hawley, Ma.

Meeting adjourned at 12 Noon