



MINUTES

WiredWest Board of Directors Meeting

August 10, 2013 9:30 AM, Warwick Town Hall 12 Athol Rd Warwick, MA

Welcome and Introduction – Noting a quorum present, Monica welcomed the delegates and thanked our hosts from the town of Warwick and all those who contributed to the refreshments. Monica reviewed current developments including the MBI middle mile lighting schedule, a follow up on USDA / RUS session EC members attended, an update on the process for engaging a consultant, and ISP business developments.

Approval of minutes from June 15th, 2013 meeting – Kevin Cahill moved to accept the minutes; Jim Drawe seconded. No discussion or corrections. All in favor with the following abstentions: Brian Breault, Northfield; Nan Riebschlager, Wendell; Steve Ferguson, Charlemont; David Kulp, Ashfield; Charlie Rose, Worthington. Minutes approved.

Reading of Proposed revisions to bylaws – Steve Nelson read proposed changes to the bylaws; discussion ensued. Changes will be voted on at next board of directors' meeting

Privacy policy – Steve presented revisions to the proposed privacy policy. Directors commented and made suggestions. Jim Drawe moved to accept the Privacy Policy as amended. Nan Riebschlager seconded. Discussion ensued. Jon Hardie requested that the privacy policy be emailed to those persons who are “opted in” to our mailing list with the next communication to that list. Privacy Policy approved unanimously.

Cable Town update – Monica gave an update as to the developments with the cable towns and the MBI’s “idea” about how to expand service in those towns. Select Boards of those towns have had substantial concerns and objections to this approach. WiredWest has participated in meetings with towns, select boards, MBI and elected officials. What came out of all of this is that connectivity, whether cable or fiber, is the ultimate goal; un-cabled areas in cable towns need connectivity. Cable member towns provided their perspectives. Steve Nelson suggested that WiredWest adopt a resolution supporting connectivity for the unconnected.

Nomination of executive committee members – Monica advised the board that both she as Chair and Reva as Vice Chair are up for reelection and have offered to serve again if elected. However, Monica let us know that she has accepted employment which may require her to step down at some point. Jim moved nominations be opened. Tim Newman seconded and moved that Monica and Reva be nominated to continue in their existing positions. Jim moved we close the nominations and that the clerk cast a ballot for the slate as presented. Nan Riebschlager seconded.

Election of executive committee members – The clerk presented the slate. Jean called for a vote. All voted in favor with one abstention (John McVeigh, new delegate from Huntington). Monica and Reva re-elected.

Email corrections - David Howe requested that delegates who have not already done so review the list of bounced emails David sent them for their towns. David was asked to send the lists out again to towns which had not yet sent him corrections, and he agreed to do so.

Committee Reports

- Town Liaison – Reva reported that other than the activity with Cable towns (above), there is not a great deal to report. Reva is still working with reaching out to and responding to MBI towns who are not yet WiredWest towns.
- Sales – Glenn reported on several customers in the southern Berkshires who are ready to move forward in becoming WiredWest ISP clients and a joint meeting with Axia. There is also a client in Hampshire County that is in process.
- Marketing – Monica reported that when ISP customers are official it will be newsworthy.
- Governance – See bylaws and privacy policy above.
- Finance – Jim passed out and reviewed an operating statement.
- Technology – Kevin met with ISP customers and Axia and worked out streamlined equipment needs so that we can cost effectively offer ISP services to select customers.

Other Director Input – Jean thanked Monica for her dedication to WiredWest.

Other business which could not be reasonably foreseen within 48 hours of meeting – Steve Nelson brought up the need for more comprehensive guidelines in the bylaws regarding transition / succession planning in light of Monica's upcoming transition.

Confirm and Schedule next BoD meetings

Potential special BOD meeting in Northampton (TBD) prior to

October 5th, 2013 – Otis, MA,

November 9th, 2013 – Location TBD

December 14th 2013 - Location TBD

Adjourn – Jim moved to adjourn; Jon Hardie seconded; All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m. Members then withdrew to enjoy the WiredWest Second Birthday celebration.