



## MINUTES

### WiredWest Executive Committee Meeting

**Date / time:** Friday, February 28, 10:00 AM

**Location / address:** Hampshire Council of Governments, 99 Main Street, Northampton, MA

Meeting called to order at 10:15. EC Members present: Monica Webb (chair), Jim Drawe, Kevin Cahill, Steve Nelson, Glenn Cardinal and Jean Atwater-Williams. Others present: Becky Torres (BoD member, Shutesbury) and Chris Lynch (Matrix).

1. Approval of EC meeting minutes from:

- 02/21/2014 - tabled until next week

2. Updates and discussion:

a. MBI update - EC discussed current thinking re: borrowing authorizations and fair and feasible apportionment strategies. There is growing consensus among the EC that aerial strand footage may be the most equitable method for apportionment. David Epstein phoned in reviewed the content of the weekly MBI call. Discussed their reaction to Steve's Op Ed; David let them know that WW is moving forward; discussed fin info sessions; discussed possible asks for Phil such as assistance with RUS application funds. David felt the timing is not right for this as things are not moving forward quickly at MBI and MTC. Refined messaging discussed.

b. ISP developments - Glenn reports that potential customers along the Goshen customer route have made inquiries about becoming served by WW.

c. Financing - Monica and Jim reported on their research regarding bonding. Steve had a call with Diedre regarding what towns are allowed to borrow for. A conference call will be scheduled with David Shaw to discuss potential financing models being used by other fiber networks. Financial Info sessions went well.

d. Cable Towns - nothing new.

e. FY 2013 Town Reports - tabled until next meeting

3. Selectboard/FinCom outreach - see 2c above - meetings are going well.

4. Outreach to non-member towns - tabled until next week

5. Review other ongoing work, including meetings, conference calls - tabled until next week

6. Document Management - tabled until next week

Meeting adjourned 1:50 p.m.