



MINUTES (DRAFT)
Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, May 17th, 9:30 a.m.
Monterey Town Hall, 435 Main Rd (Route 23), Monterey, MA

Welcome and Introductions

Chair of the WiredWest Executive Committee, Monica Webb, welcomed everyone to her hometown of Monterey.

Minutes

Motion to approve minutes for March 15, 2014 Board of Directors meeting made by Jim Drawe, seconded by Kevin Cahill.

Report from the Executive Director

David reported on recent interactions with MBI, including a conference call last Thursday. Progress is slow. A big concern is that it appears that MBI has put forth an extremely conservative model.

Legislative update

Bond bill moves next to the Senate Ways and Means Committee, from there to the full Senate, then the Governor. This is an \$850 million bond bill, MBI is \$50 million of that. A bill is also moving through that would allow MBI to grant the funds. State has a long queue of stuff to bond (already authorized). Governor decides the order that the queue goes out to bond. Having town commitments could help to raise this in the queue.

Regional Expression of Support for WiredWest

How can WiredWest towns communicate to MBI their level of commitment? One idea is for the delegates to ask their town's SelectBoards to go on record that broadband must be done regionally, through WiredWest. A draft letter was distributed and discussed by delegates.

Committee Reports

• Sales (ISP)

One and only client not yet lit. Waiting for Verizon for make ready

• Marketing

Monica will update the delegate information pages shortly (last update 8 months ago).

• **Governance / Legal**

Steve Nelson is proposing amendment to bylaws that make it more clear what WW is. He distributed draft changes for preliminary discussion. The changes would require two more meetings (read; vote) to become formal. A

suggestion was made by Jim Drawe that we have our new MBI funded lawyers look over the bylaws.

Steve Nelson has been working with MBI-funded lawyer, Greg Sandemursky, on developing a bond mechanism to fund WiredWest to build out a last mile fiber network that is state backed, and authorized by the towns. The current basis for discussion is MGL chapter 44A.

- **Finance**

Jim will invoice towns on July 1, 2014 for \$1,000 membership fees. ISP client is not complete yet.

- **Technology**

Little change

- **Town Liaison**

New membership forms soon will be available online. Membership fee votes looking good, at least 32 towns voted yes or looking good. Leverett will not pay the fee. Leverett will no longer be a WiredWest member. Tyngham and Princeton may be joining soon.

There was no other business which could not be reasonably foreseen within 48 hours of meeting .

Next Board of Directors meetings scheduled:

- June 14 – Washington
- July 19 - Hawley
- Annual blow out in August. Location to be determined.

Adjourned at noon.