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WiredWest Executive Committee Meeting

Date / time: Thursday, March 20, 2:00 PM, Snow date: Friday 3/21/2014, 10:00 AM

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

Meeting called to order at 2:18 p.m. EC members in attendance: Monica Webb (chair), Jim Drawe, Rebecca Torres, Dan Jacques, Steve Nelson, Glenn Cardinal, Jean Atwater-Williams (recording).

1. Approval of EC meeting minutes from: 03/12/2014 - Monica moved; Glenn seconded; no discussion; all in favor 1 abstention (Jim).

 2. Updates and discussion:
 - a. MBI update - David, Monica and Steve scheduled to attend meeting with MTC. Discussed plan for meeting and updating them on our progress in general including with the financing strategy and discuss how we can work together to advance the last mile.
 - b. ISP developments - David has had discussions with Crocker about an agency or referral program. Bill Stathis would like to make a presentation to the EC. Cornerstone will be invited to do the same. Jim has signed the Verizon contract for Goshen and warrants have been signed for the associated fees.
 - c. Financing - Yesterday Monica and David attended the FCC meeting in DC. They asked the FCC for \$25 million (and they didn't say no). Monica and Steve are researching other financing models such as Water Abatement trust; will seek clarification on "essential service" and tax exemption for bonding purposes; infrastructure vs. service.
 - d. Cable Towns - no really new info from Glenn; he is continuing to maintain communications with cable towns and encouraging them to get as much information from the cable companies as possible about the costs for cable towns to build out low density areas.

 3. Selectboard/FinCom outreach - discussed above

 4. Outreach to non-member towns - Jim and David will be going to a meeting in Princeton to speak to them about the benefits of joining WiredWest. Other interested towns will be approached.

 5. Submission of Opinion Pieces - Steve brought up the differences between the various versions of the letter and questioned which version should have been published. EC discussed. Question raised again about who has ultimate responsibility as to what goes into the media.

 6. Review other ongoing work, including meetings, conference calls - Progress report approved by EC and Rebecca will send monthly progress report to towns and delegates.

 7. Document Management - tabled.
- Meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

