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WiredWest Board of Directors Meeting
Hampshire Council of Governments, 99 Main Street, Northampton
Saturday, April 2, 9:30 am

Welcome and Introductions noting a quorum present, Chair Monica Webb called the meeting to order at 9:40 am. She welcomed the delegates, alternates and guests and asked people to go around the room and introduce themselves.

Approval of minutes of March 26, 2016 meeting - Tom Wyatt moved, Kathy Soule Regine seconded all in favor with 2 abstentions (Ken McInerney and Charlie Rose).

Report from the Chair – Monica reviewed the frustration of the towns expressed at the last WiredWest Board meeting and shared the consensus that quick action from the towns is necessary in light of the MBI delays and that towns need to reach out to legislators and the governor . Monica stated that the goal is to foster support from the state. She referenced the A2 Model that had been floated at last week's board meeting.

Selectboard WiredWest MBI Discussion - Selectboard members shared their recent experiences and conversations with state officials, and their growing frustration with the last mile situation. Stan Rosenberg is having a conference at Greenfield Comm College April 9th. Delegate Jeremy Dunn suggested that we not get bogged down in language edits and that the select boards should be able to choose what points they wish to include.

Resolution – The most recent draft of the resolution by the OC was distributed. Discussion ensued and attendees made many suggestions to strengthen the language. The document was revised accordingly.

A2 Motion- Motion to pursue and develop the concepts of Plan A-2 with an expanded plan that will also address start-up funding and such plan to be presented at the next regular board meeting. Doug McNally moved; Tim Newman seconded. Discussion ensued (Steve Nelson cautioned that his A-2 plan is conceptual). Jim indicated he will take input directly related to the plan.

Confirm and Schedule next BoD meetings

April 23rd in Sandisfield (Sandisfield Arts Center, 5 Hammertown Road)
May 21st in New Ashford
June date TBD in New Salem

Meeting adjourned at 11:31 am