

WiredWest Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

Date / time: Wednesday, December 14, 2016 6:00 PM

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

Attendees: Jim Drawe, Charley Rose, Jeremy Dunn, David Dvore, Bob Labrie, MaryEllen Kennedy

Guests: Bob Handsaker, Aaron Bean

Meeting called to order: 6:01 pm

1. Approve minutes of previous meetings – Dec 7: 3 in favor, 1 abstention

Motion to suspend the meeting for a business discussion passed unanimously at 6:10pm

Meeting reconvened at 8:04 pm

1. Discuss/approve letter to town officials

Bob Labrie read the cover letter to town officials as edited by Steve Nelson. He will do a final edit and send out.

1. Agenda for Dec 17 Board of Director’s meeting

Add request to suspend Lanesborough

Add David Dvore’s proposal to have WiredWest cover the town’s depreciation reserves

1. MBI Update

Charley Rose quoted Bill Ennen as expecting a big response to the private provider RFP. Most towns will wait for RFP results before moving forward. MBI is considering next steps for any towns not proposed for builds by RFP respondents.

1. Discuss Plan A2

David Dvore sent the EC an estimate of WW costs per town including depreciation reserve, insurance and pole expenses. Bob Handsaker would like to see a multi-town network calculated using the MBI sustainability spreadsheet, so the towns could compare to the cost of a standalone network.

1. Broadband Summit

Date: January 28, 9:00 am – 3 to 4 hours

Audience: Carolyn Kirk, legislative delegation, town Selectboards, Finance Committees and Broadband Committees

HCOG has offered support

Jim Drawe will chair

Plan for 3-4 hours, 30 minute presentation, 1 hour breakout session, invite Ms. Kirk and legislators for after this (11 or 11:30 am). Make sure town participants in breakout are in separate groups – looking for “actionable solutions for problems.” Possibly invite someone from Berkman Center or EC Fiber to speak.

**Action:** EC members to send Jim agenda items/breakout session ideas.

1. Committee Updates:

Finance: Interest on refunds now being correctly calculated, but Bob will check with TD bank to confirm interest rate.

Question of whether the MBI123 connection requirement for all towns is legal, we do have funds to get a legal opinion. We should soon have a legal opinion on 30B requirement for procurement.

Bob Labrie will work on town assessment request letter.

1. Review other ongoing work, including meetings, conference calls

EC email list will be changed to allow anyone to send if possible, Jim will be removed as moderator.

1. Other business which could not be reasonably foreseen within 48 hours of meeting
2. Set next EC meeting: WW Board of Directors meeting will be Wed, Dec 21 at normal EC meeting time – Jim to reserve the courtroom.