

**TOWN OF WINTERPORT  
BROADBAND COMMITTEE MINUTES  
TOWN CONFERENCE ROOM / ZOOM  
June 26, 2023 @ 6:30 PM**

**WINTERPORT COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Phil Higgins, Kevin Kelley, Ethan Tremblay, (Chair), Matt Williams.  
**FRANKFORT REPRESENTATIVE:** Joe Watson, Bill Pupkis.  
**PROSPECT REPRESENTATIVE:** Brandy Bridges.  
**STOCKTON SPRINGS REPRESENTATIVE:**  
**WINTERPORT TOWN MANAGER:**

**CALL TO ORDER:** June 26, 2023 @ 6:34 PM.

**ROLL CALL:**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- Motion to approve minutes June 5, 2023, 1<sup>st</sup> M. Williams., 2<sup>nd</sup> B. Bridges. Motion carries.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- No comments.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Speed Test participation update: Differed.
- WFS website received: Differed.
- URL being updated.

**MISSION STATEMENT:**

- "Affordable high-speed internet for all residents".

**SPEAKERS**

- None scheduled.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

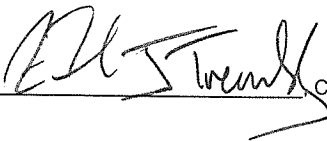
- New website is currently work-in-progress. The old URL will point to the new website.
- Discussed contractor that is installing fiber through Frankfort and parts of Prospect. Consolidated Communications was awarded a grant from the "Rural Development Operational Fund" and they received limited funding to run fiber. The fiber does not cover all the underserved nor least served subscribers. Mission Broadband and Unitel / Direct Communications will research for additional details.
- All towns have approved and dedicated ARPA funds for the broadband project.
- Town informational meetings will be scheduled to roll out the broadband development plan. Schedules for the town meetings will follow. Unitel will attend the informational meetings.
- Requesting letters of support from the towns, select boards, Counsels and businesses for the infrastructure grant proposal. Additionally, requesting testimonials from any subscribers.
- Town meetings will have the FCC maps available for viewing.

**SCHEDULE OF NEXT MEETINGS:**

- July 10, 2023.

**ADJOURN:**

- Motion to adjourn at 8:06 pm. 1<sup>st</sup>, P. Higgins, 2<sup>nd</sup> K. Kelley. Motion carries.

 Chair

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Secretary: Kevin J. Kelley