

**TOWN OF WINTERPORT
BROADBAND COMMITTEE MINUTES
TOWN CONFERENCE ROOM / ZOOM
July 10, 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: Mac Smith, Town Manager.
WINTERPORT TOWN MANAGER:

CALL TO ORDER: July 10, 2023 @ 6:38 PM.

ROLL CALL:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Motion to approve minutes June 5, 2023, 1st B. Pupkis, 2nd M. Williams. Motion carries, 1 abstention.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- No comments.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Speed Test participation update: Differed.
- WFS website received: 60 visits, 57 Unique.
- Face Book: 72 members.

MISSION STATEMENT:

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

SPEAKERS

- None scheduled.
- Contractors representatives: Jeff Nevins, MBB.
Jane Sullivan, Unitel / DC.

NEW BUSINESS:


- New website is currently work-in-progress. The old URL will point to the new website.
- Facebook has been created and online by M. Williams.
- Consolidated update:
 - Received Rural Development Operational fund (RDOF) grant.
 - 10 Year program.
 - Applied in 2020, buildout by 2027.
 - Consolidated was the only grantee for Maine, total grant for Maine is 100 million, Waldo County available funding is \$643,000. 1A broadband project is estimated at \$10,000,000.
 - Very limited in scope for Winterport, Frankfort and was run through a small part of Prospect.
 - Uncertain when the buildout will be complete or the strength of the backbone infrastructure.
- Reviewed data mapping of the Consolidated proposed fiber layout limited scope.
- Discussing with MCA and Consolidated and how this will affect the Infrastructure grant.
- Tentative funding for the Infrastructure Grant is roughly 20 million this next round will be September, 2023.
- Quarterly report due for the Get Ready grant, will be submitted by the Chair to MCA.

SCHEDULE OF NEXT MEETINGS:

- July 17, 2023 @ 6:30 pm.

ADJOURN:

- Motion to adjourn at 8:23 pm. 1st M. Williams, 2nd P. Higgins. Motion carries.

 Chair

7.17.23

Secretary: Kevin J. Kelley