

**TOWN OF WINTERPORT
BROADBAND COMMITTEE MINUTES
TOWN CONFERENCE ROOM / ZOOM
August 14, 2023 @ 6:30 PM**

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

CALL TO ORDER: August 14, 2023 @ 6:32 PM.

ROLL CALL:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Motion to approve minutes July 31, 2023, 1st K. Kelley. 2nd P. Higgins, 1 abstention, Motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- No public comment.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Speed Test participation update: Differed.
- 1A Waldo County Broadband Coalition website: 63 Unique Visits, 69 Visits. Page Views 149.
- 1A Waldo County Broadband Coalition Face Book: 90 members.

MISSION STATEMENT:

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

SPEAKERS

- None scheduled.
- Contractors representatives: John Dougherty, MBB.
Jayne Sullivan, Unitel / DC.
Daniel Parish, Unitel / DC.

NEW BUSINESS:


- Reviewed the Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPGL) for consumer's qualifying for the lowest monthly cost.
 - FPGL is updated yearly between February / March by the federal government.
 - Guideline is based on income and dependent's.
- Reviewed the option of fiber attachment in the municipal space.
 - Municipal space on the poles has been exhausted based on the engineering report.
- Unitel / DC reports they will be running 144 strand fiber for the project.
 - Unitel / DC will drop additional boxes as necessary for economic development.
- Chair will send out to the committee update for:
 - Letters of support tracking sheet
 - Reviewed individual assignments for support letters.
- Letters of support will be due before September 14, 2023, this is the due date for the grant.
 - Submit letters of support to the Chair.

SCHEDULE OF NEXT MEETINGS:

- August 28, 2023 @ 6:30 pm.

ADJOURN:

- Motion to adjourn at 7:18 pm. 1st B. Pupkis, 2nd M. Smith. Motion carries.

 Chair

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Secretary: Kevin J. Kelley