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Broadband Committee/Task Force
Minot Town Office
Monday, February 3, 2020, 6:30 pm
Agenda*

Attendees: Kerry Bonney, Colleen Quint, Bill Burke, Danielle Loring, Lisa Cesare, Rory McGuire, Dan Poirier, Michael Lebrun, Brittany Hemond

Meeting Minutes:

- Committee elected that Colleen would act as the chair of the committee and Lisa will act as secretary. The group unanimously accepted.
- Dan discussed Spectrum and that their current standard of building out a community is no longer the best approach and that GWI has a fiber to the home option which is a better technology/hardware approach.
- Discussion that with GWI, their current approach with municipalities is to provide 1 gig of fiber. They are managing all the grants, loans and build out plans. Some communities are not incurring any taxpayer monies for build out. The team decided that we should start with contacting GWI and look to see what they can offer us. Danielle and Bill will work with an informational meeting this week, Thursday at 2:00 to see what they might be willing to offer.
 - Considerations for discussion are;
 - Build out timeline
 - Timing of current Grant applications
 - Affordability to the consumer
 - 100% saturation or review the map and provide for un-serviced area.
- Team discussed how to structure future meetings with providers regarding bringing Brian back as a consultant. Brian's hourly rate is \$175.00 an hour and we currently have \$6000.00 in last years franchise fees that the board of selectman will discuss carrying those dollars over to next year's budget to use for our needs.
- Danielle reviewed some of the current USDA grant options. Some towns have created a new demographic town location to help support areas of a town that require build out of services in order to meet criteria of the grants. Minot may need to do that as well.
- Colleen noted that we should take advantage of our local representatives of Ned Claxton and Betty Ann Sheats to help them understand our agenda and help us meet our goals. Colleen also noted that if GWI had connections with any congressional delegates we look to pursue those resources to help us with funding as well.
- Bill has done some research and calling within the First Light organization and has a contact with Shaun Caron to discuss high level objectives and to see if there is any interest in building out current footprint and possibly increasing with newer technology.

Communications:

- Danielle brought up options for communicating notes, articles, etc. Suggestion was a google group to load everything. Folks will need to see if they all have access once someone sets that option up.

- Danielle will also work with Lisa to create a Town Website with our meeting minutes and add additional information to keep our residents and this committee updated on progress and all links.

Next Steps:

- GWI, small group conference call to discuss next steps and provide some information from our feasibility study.
- Next Meeting is Monday, February 17, 6:30pm