



Town of Minot

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Broadband Committee/Task Force
Minot Town Office
Monday, February 17, 2020, 6:30 pm
Agenda*

Attendees: Colleen Quint, Bill Burke, Danielle Loring, Lisa Cesare, Rory McGuire, Dan Poirier, Brittany Hemond, Don Dubuc, Ned Newell

Meeting Minutes:

- Review of meeting minutes and acceptance of them.
- Updates on the GWI conversation:
 - Spoke with Kerem they have gotten some grants to do Hebron and other areas and discussed if they had room to take on more.
 - 10 over 1 would be the stipulation of which areas they could work on and they would look to do fiber to the home.
 - They do have some connections with legislatures
 - We need to provide them data and they would look to include us with the March 16 grant application. Danielle reached out to Brian and he provided the required GIS data.
 - Kerem said that we will have a new location of North Minot. We would not start off with servicing the whole town, just the non-serviced area. For other locations that are underserved we could leverage the Connect ME grant but not the USDA.
 - Options for community and pricing options: We will need to negotiate that and not look for them to just be competitive with Spectrum and other providers.
 - Were there any stipulations on any contractual agreement to not allow us to go and work with other providers?
 - Negotiations are 4-6 months and build outs are 18 months.
 - We are waiting to hear back if they will take us on and start the above process. This would be phase 1.
- Colleen reached out Maine Community Foundation and they do have a grant available that could help with planning or other branches to get to the final strategy.
- There is also a bond that will be on the November election that is a statewide pool of funds that could be used to further the town of Minot.
- State Broadband plan and the updates to it that are posted should be reviewed and determine what might be available, this is all through the Connect ME funding. Colleen is going to review a little more in depth and report back to the committee. There are also 2 other options with the Reconnect Fund and other grant option discussed in the USDA documentation.
- We should investigate bringing someone in from Connect ME to understand how the process works.
- Question was asked if we got one grant would we be eligible for others later? It all depends on the parameter of the grants.
- Ned updated us on his conversation with Consolidated, but they are interested in expanding DSL, they would be willing to discuss options with us.
- Billy updated us with First Light conversations, and they will not go into anyone else's territory regarding trying to expand services.

Next Steps:

Danielle to follow up with GWI

Colleen will continue to research Maine Community Foundation

Next Meeting:

Monday March 2, . 6:30pm

** Lisa will reach out to Matt to discuss future meetings.