



Town of Minot

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Broadband Committee/Task Force
Minot Town Office
Monday, September 14, 2020, 6:30 pm

Attendees: Colleen Quint, Danielle Loring, Lisa Cesare, Brian Lipold, Kerry Bonney, Rory Mcguire

Meeting Minutes:

ME Authority last board Connect meeting,

Round of grants to start up in November December for infrastructure grants . The committee is continuing its efforts to revise the rules for committees, especially those that have areas partially serviced and partially unserved.

Planning grant may be opened this month but there are little details around that.

We discussed the financing options that were brought forth last month. The committee believes that the TIF or raising taxes are the best and fastest way to go. More discussion was had on raising taxes as it there is no additional money required to manage the process. The TIF would require additional money spent and restrictions on it. Lisa will ask that the subject be added to this coming selectman meeting for a decision on how to move forward. We will also invite the committee to our budget presentation meeting to discuss our overall ask and plan. The committee is thinking we would look to submit our portion not to exceed 200,000 and if we go with a warrant item word it in a way that we only spend it if we get the grant and finance it over X year(s).

We discussed the letters. Lisa suggested that the question that we want back should be printed on a postcard with postage for returns.

WE can use the emails we have from the survey, post them on the website as well. Mail to others to cut down on postage.

Pass out a flyer on election day as well.

3 weeks out for next meeting. Tuesday October 6 6:30 zoom and in person
Sept 23rd 10:00 to noon for Connect Me meeting

Brian updated us that he has a call with First Light on Wednesday morning. They have submitted that it would be fiber to the home, not all encompassing of Minot. 302K was the price tag but he does not understand what that covers. Brian will have more details in the next week. Brian also commented that he has been exchanging emails with Spectrum but no documents/pricing has been returned. To us.

We discussed that once First Light has a document, we can attempt to compare what they have suggested to GWI to see what fits us the best.