MINUTES
BROADBAND EVALUATION COMMITTEE
MONDAY, JUNE 28, 2021
MUNICIPAL OFFICE COMPLEX
MEETING ROOM 1
VIA YOUTUBE LIVE
7:00 P.M.
SPECIAL MEETING

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm
   Members Present: Jon Biller, Michael Gilroy, Tom Hays, Thomas Sevigny

2. Minutes were approved by unanimous consent

3. Presentation by Jeff Christensen, president of Entry Point:
   Presentation was made by Jeff Christensen and is available online. The proposal from Entry Point is to build a single Municipal-owned fiber network. Internet Service Providers will use the network and sell internet service to East Haddam residents. Multiple service providers in competition will drive prices lower. Using this model, a municipal-owned Fiber Network would make local ISP costs cheaper while providing a service that is faster and more efficient.

4. Q&A with Jeff Christensen:
   Members of the committee and citizens in the audience asked questions. Discussion was had regarding specifics of East Haddam building a Fiber Optic network. It was estimated that a Feasibility Study would cost $20,000 and would provide the details of how to implement a municipal network. If the project is approved, an estimated take-rate of 50-60% of East Haddam households would be needed to proceed with the project. Designing a network, acquiring user-contracts, funding the project, and building the network would follow along with the official approval process mandated by the Town.

5. Discussion of strategic priorities for a Municipal Fiber Network:
   Agendum was tabled by unanimous consent.

6. Discussion of guiding principles for funding of a Municipal Fiber Network:
   Agendum was tabled by unanimous consent.

7. Audience of Citizens:
   No further audience questions.

8. Adjournment:
   Motion to adjourned was made by unanimous consent

The meeting is available on YouTube at the following link:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UgGWCRMo-x0