MINUTES
BROADBAND FEASIBILITY COMMITTEE
FRIDAY JANUARY 13, 2023
REMOTELY VIA ZOOM

11:00 AM

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Minutes of the meeting of the East Haddam Broadband Feasibility Committee

1. The meeting was called to order by Tom Sevigny at 11:02 am
    a. **Members Present** Craig Mansfield, Wayne Schulz, Tom Sevigny (chair), Irene Haines, and Tom Hays
    b. **Entry Point:** Nicole Banyai, Devin Cox, Jeff Christensen, Erik Banyai
    c. **Excused:** Patty Stricker
2. Approval of the minutes of 1-6-2023
3. Various Q&A concerning the draft of the Broadband Feasibility Study
    a. What happens in a major outage, or business interruption?
        i. Nicole: /Business interruption/reserve fund, make use of warranty included, fiber should last 50+ years, our preference is to bury cabling. However, we recognize that E Haddam may not have that ability; most things can be insured for a price
        ii. Jeff Christensen: How to finance a more extensive outage is something to work through, advocates of buried networks (all we've built are buried).
        iii. Devin Cox: If you do an open access network, the town is offering a utility, not service (delivery of Internet).
    b. Should we change the estimated cost savings?
        i. Nicole: Yes, we can edit that to read "up to $50 savings"
    c. The count of possible subscribers seems off
        i. Nicole: Some of the counts may include empty lots / not-yet built spaces, even though open, that structure would want connectivity
    d. Review of online **FOND**, which shows the properties in East Haddam, is what Entry Point used to draft their cost projections.

4. Next steps
    a. Presenting the report to the Board of Selectmen during February 2023 - (Meetings held first and third Wednesday at 5 pm ET)
5. Jeff Christensen - competitors in East Haddam - Xfinity appears to be holding firm on cable, and Frontier is actively moving with fiber. There are very competitive offerings, and the incumbents may re-prioritize their rollout plans based on what East Haddam announces.
6. Craig Mansfield: We should have some idea of what's the next step and what's the estimated cost

The meeting is available for review on YouTube

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