

# Broadband Implementation Committee

March 15, 2024, 1pm, Zoom

## Attendees

Tom Sevigney, Craig Mansfield, Bruce Harris, Stan Conover, Stu Palmer, Laurel White, Irene Haines, Tanya Bourgoin

Entry Point Members: Nicole Banyai

Meeting called to order at 1:02pm

March 1, 2024 Minutes approved, motion made Stan, 2nd Stu

## Financing

April 12 Entry Point will be presenting funding options through USDA and other sources. This will include an Entry Point Grant Funding representative named Bruce.

## Lawn Signs/Outreach

Tom has continued to distribute signs around town and has about 15-20 of the small signs left. Pete Govert and Tom have been installing the large signs and have three more to put up this coming Tuesday. They will go at a residence on Millington Green, Stu's front yard on Mt Parnassus and a residence on North Moodus Road

Tom's article in the paper came out yesterday. We are at 940 interested sign ups. We are gaining 7-8 people per day and if this keeps up we will reach 1800 by June.

Stu has arranged for a presentation to the Community Lions at the March 26, 2024 meeting

Tanya Bourgoin is hosting a spring fling at Machimoodus Sunday March 17, 2024 from 12-3. She has requested signs and literature to promote outreach at the event.

## School Resources

Laurel spoke with the Superintendent who has agreed to send out communications for us. Tom supplied Laurel with the most recent newspaper insert to have the district send out. As of today it has not gone out yet. Laurel will check into this.

Stan made note that he received an email recently from Frontier claiming \$49.99 per month for 1G up and down service and businesses will receive 2G up and down for 99.99 per month. Nicole

made note that we should follow up on this asking about symmetrical service, shared lines, PON versus ethernet service, open versus private network. Stan will dig into this.

### State Grants

The DEEP ConneCTed Grant Program [ConneCTed Communities Grant Program - CT.gov](#) application guide is now available. It is a comprehensive guide to help us in the application process. We feel quite daunted in collecting relevant information to complete our application. We need to challenge the FCC map that determined we are not underserved. We need more financing information than we have as well.

Irene and Craig along with Matt from IT will look at a way to get a phone line dedicated to collecting information from the community. We need to get the list of pertinent questions from this guide collected to put forth to the community and have these answers ready to submit along with the fulsome application by April 30, 2024. Bruce and Laurel will compile the list of questions.

Nicole (EP) will have Bruce from EP, a grant writing team member, review these things at the April 12 presentation. Laurel and Bruce will get this collection of questions to Nicole as soon as possible.

## Next Meeting

April 12, 2024, 1pm Zoom

Meeting adjourned at 1:37pm