Broadband Implementation Committee

April 26, 2024 1PM Zoom

Attendees

Tom Sevigney, Bruce Harris, Craig Mansfield, Irene Haines, Stan Conover, Linda Zemienieski

Entry Point Members
Nicol Banyai, Eric Banyai

Meeting called to order at 1:04 PM. Stan Conover will be taking the minutes.

Minutes from April 12, 2024 approved. Motion by Craig, second by Stan

State Grant Applications

Discussion pertaining to BEAD program and challenging FCC map as it exists. We do not have the time nor resources for this application. We will move forward submitting the DEEP ConneCTed Communities Grant Program which is due by April 30th. Nicole will complete the budget worksheet and return to Tom/Bruce as they complete the application. Nicole also mentioned that there should only be 1 contact to represent the town on this application. It was also noted that the DEEP program was not really written for municipalities, but more for incumbents, which should work to our advantage. Tom spoke with DEEP and they mentioned they they are not aware of any other municipalities filing grant application. There are still many unanswered questions on the application and Tom will be calling DEEP again to see if we can submit the application without funding, RFP, job descriptions, etc.

Outreach Events

We currently stand at 1350 sign ups. Volunteers need to march in the Memorial Day parade as well as coverage at table to hand our flyers at upcoming referendum. The Board of Finance approved an additional $5,000.00. Funds to be used for mass mailing post cards (every household) and another flyer insert in the East Haddam News. Another large sign set up at Balleks. Tom will be speaking at Lions Group (men's only) as well as St Stephens after service coffee hour.

Next Meeting

Scheduled for May 10, 2024 1PM Zoom
Meeting adjourned at 1:33PM