

NEWBURY TELECOMMUNICATIONS RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
INFRASTRUCTURE DISTRICT.

Minutes: Newbury REDInet Regular Meeting Monday, June 8, 2020,
4:30 PM

1. **Call to order:** 4:36
2. **Attending:** Ed , Lenice, Brad, Dan, Luke, Liane, Bonnie, Claude
Guests: Rick, MARRISA, Jason Ulm, Linda Ide recorder.
3. **Approval of May 27 Minutes:** Claude asks that minutes no longer contain abbreviations.
Accepted.
4. **Treasurers Report:** None.
5. **Clerk's Report:** None.
6. **Reassignment of Officers:** Ed Childs nominated to be vice chair, Lenice to be clerk. Moved by Dan, seconded by Brad. Passed. Brad should deliver documents to Lenice.
7. **Reports assigned from April 27 meeting:**
Chip will contact Green Mountain Power and Washington Electric Corp. for a count of HV (high voltage?) vs. distribution poles in Newbury.
8. **Presentation by Jason Ulm of Axia Technical Partners:** He doesn't think his company can offer a good fit for our project. He recommends we contact Adam Bristol of Current Concepts, an architect/engineer with experience, a labor pool and access to people who could design and build the entire project.
9. **Matrix Design Group:** Chris Lynch is traveling and not available to attend.
10. **Review of Future Subscribers:** Discussion: How do we ascertain our "take-rate"? How do we contact people? Suggestions: Work with Code for the Upper Valley. Add digests and listserve to our website to drive people to survey. As of today we've had 128 responses to current Google survey. Dan will send results to members. Brad will edit, add low tech questions. Each member should review the form. Dan will send spread sheet to look at so all members may add questions. Liane, Brad, Dan and Marissa will edit and build Google questionnaire. Send to Claude and whole group by end of day Friday June 12. Claude wants questionnaire rough done before June 15. Dan will get Marissa onto our list serve. Marissa should reach out to Fay Homan of Little Rivers. Connie is also a good Little Rivers contact. Dan and Liane will meet Tuesday, June 9, 5:00 to 5:30. Google.
11. **Database "subscribers 3":** Ed will have Code for the Upper Valley pull names from the updated town grand lists for our database.
12. **Selectboard meeting:** Next meeting June 10 at 7 pm. Discussion of EC Fiber is the top of agenda. Dan, Claude and Rick (if possible) will attend. EC Fiber said they plan to review Newbury Select board's letter by second Tuesday in July.

13. **Emergency Broadband Action Plan:** Claude has not heard anything.

14. **Consultant:** Matrix Design Group proposal, submitted by Chris 5/8/20. Claude cannot commit to Matrix for a feasibility study until he receives approval of USDA.

15. **Sub-Committee Reports:**

a. **Technology:** Discussed VTel Wireless which is a competitor. They offer far less service than we hope to offer. Our service would help with cell phone coverage through wi-fi coverage, and we'd have the fiber for their towers.

b. **Finance:**

i. **Broadband Innovation Grant 2019:** Claude said he is getting an insurance quote from a firm in Montpelier.

ii. **USDA Grant:** Claude submitted a report to USDA asking for support for REDInet to hire Matrix for detailed costing for "make-ready" work.

16. **Other Business:**

Members reviewed website updates.

17. **Next REDI meeting:** Monday, June 22, Google Meet, 4:30 PM

Submitted: Linda Ide, meeting recorder, 6/12/2020