

# NEWBURY TELECOMMUNICATIONS RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INFRASTRUCTURE DISTRICT.

Monday, August 13, 2018                      4:30 PM, Tenney Library, Newbury Village

## Newbury REDInet Meeting Minutes

### 1. Updates to Agenda:

- a. **USDA Grant Review.** On Jul 17<sup>th</sup> Alma received a letter from the USDA informing us that the grant proposal was denied.
- b. Ed to present Google Earth demonstration

### 2. Note taker: Nate 8/13 (Ed 8/27, Chip 9/10, Lenice 9/24)

- a. addentees: Claude Phipps, Brad Vietje, Dan Burwinkel Lenice Cicchini , Chip Conquest, Nate Dudenhoefter, Ed Childs
- b. Guest: Rick Hausman

### 3. Approval of Minutes: June 25 and July 9, 2018 minutes

- a. Approved with no objections

### 4. Treasurers Report: Funds on hand, bills paid, funds received

- a. Payments were made to Brad for gift certificate and banner.
- b. Balance of \$3115.70

### 5. Clerk's Report: MOU sent out to all volunteers, still waiting on response for most.

### 6. Sub-Committee Reports:

- a. **Consolidated Design Contract:** Discuss draft FairPoint (CCI) contract
  - i. Some changes to the contract proposal were discussed. Lenice will make the changes and send it back to the group.

#### b. Technology:

- i. Ed presents google map of power pole locations and general usage of kml files

ii.

**c. Finance:** Next options:

- i. We have been invited to discuss our rejected grant proposal with the USDA on Oct 15.
- ii. Dept. of Economic Development (Northern Borders)
- iii. USDA Pilot Project. Brad went to a webinar where it was stated that to qualify nobody within the district can have more than 10Mb/1Mb connection.
  1. Claude is going to draft a letter with feedback to USDA administrator
- iv. Village of Wells River has a revolving loan fund for projects in Wells River Village
- v. Dan proposed discussing a charitable donation with a large corporation with the added benefit that it would help them with recruiting. Dan will discuss this with some of his contacts.

**d. Publicity:**

- i. West Newbury festival August 11. Talked with many people. There was lots of interest in better reliability in addition to speed. 5 additional surveys were received.
- ii. Uncommon Jam, Summer-to-Fall festivals

**e. Proposed amended Statute:** (place holder)

**f. Web site:** (Jim)

**7. USDA pilot program**

**8. Meeting with The State of VT:** Governor Phil Scott, White River Junction, 7/23/18  
Department of Economic Development, 8/8/18: There was a general discussion

**9. Customer surveys:** Electronic version of survey – No discussion

**10. Operating business models:** Nate (place holder)

**11. Next steps, Discussion of schedule:** place holder

**12. Board members:** Replacements? Vote: Ken Rower's membership on board.

Chip moved that we select Ken Rower as a member of the board. Brad Seconded.  
Passed unanimously.

**13. Other Business:**

a. Claude will be traveling from Aug 25 to Oct 1.

**14. Next REDI meeting:** August 27, 2018, Tenney Library, 4:30 - 6:30 PM

Submitted: Claude Phipps chair, 8/12/2018