

NEWBURY TELECOMMUNICATIONS RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INFRASTRUCTURE DISTRICT.

Monday, May 11, 2020 4:30 PM, Zoom Meeting via Space on Main
Zoom meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/764140233>

Minutes: Newbury REDInet Regular Meeting

1. **Call to order:** At 4:30. No new business.
2. **Attending:** Lenice acting chair, Bonnie, Liane, Brad; Ed and Dan join us at 4:47.
Guest: Rick. Recorder: Linda.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** April 27, 2020 minutes approved.
4. **Treasurers Report:** No budget update.
5. **Clerk's Report:** None presented. Bonnie has assumed the role of clerk as of May 1 and will discuss with Brad before the next meeting.
6. **Assignments from April 27 meeting:**
 - **Rick:** If we work with Matrix and finance \$2 million it could cost customers an additional \$25 per month. Financing \$1.5 million could add from \$5 to \$19 per customer, depending on the number of customers signed up. Much depends on how much the State or Federal governments add and how many subscribers we can attract.
 - **Claude:** Sent database attachment to all members. Discuss at a later meeting.
 - **Chip:** Discussion of Emergency Broadband Plan and Chip's emailed report. Agreement that we want State's funds to go for fiber and not simply meet the 25/3 minimum Federal broadband definition. Members urged to respond to State by email.
 - **Dan:** CCI maps are not accurate and they cover less than the maps show. Rick points out that this lack of service offers an opportunity for REDInet.
 - **Lenice and Brad:** Our document of Intent does not need to be changed since the business model of Matrix is defined. We want broadband to be available to all areas of town, not just to most profitable areas. Concern about Matrix lack of customization. Will grants be needed to meet our imperative and keep their service affordable?
7. **Matrix Design Group:** See discussion in Item 11.
8. **Emergency Broadband Action Plan, (EBAP).** No discussion.
9. **Database:** No discussion.
10. **Selectboard meeting:**
 - a. No discussion of location for equipment building.
 - b. See Item 11. below, where we agree to write a request to EC Fiber.

11. **Consultant:** Discussed Matrix Design Group proposal, submitted by Chris 5/8/2020.

- a. Feasibility study and business plan costs: \$7,200, which would cover the work we've been trying to do by counting poles.
- b. We will wait to see what happens at EC Fiber meeting Tuesday night (May 12), which Ed will attend. One of their agenda items includes a vote about accepting Corinth as district members. Second agenda item to open themselves to accept requests from other towns, including Newbury. We have until June 30 to make our request.
- c. Note: Rick understands that EC Fiber could not begin our project immediately as they must finish several prior jobs first.

12. **Sub-Committee Reports:**

- a. **Partnership with Consolidated Communications:** On hold
- b. **Technology:** No discussion
- c. **Finance:**
 - i. **Broadband Innovation Grant 2019:** Insurance delayed, no contract yet, due to Covid-19 delays.
 - ii. **USDA Grant:** We have no comments to add to Claude's report, which was submitted 4/30/2020.
 - iii. **VEDA:** Rick will try to attend meeting on May 13th.

13. **Other Business:** We will wait to make decisions until next meeting with Claude attending.
Adjourned 5:27.

14. **Next REDI meeting:** Monday May 25, Zoom, 4:30 PM

Submitted: Linda Ide, Meeting Recorder, May 14, 2020