

NEWBURY TELECOMMUNICATIONS RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
INFRASTRUCTURE DISTRICT.

Monday, April 22, 2019

4:30 PM, Space on Main

Minutes Newbury REDInet Meeting

Present: Rick Hausmann (guest), Claude Phipps, Brad Vietje, Ken Rower, Lenice , Edward Childs (members)

Claude Phipps called the meeting to order at 4:40 PM.

1. **Updates to Agenda:** **There were no updates.**
2. **Note taker:** **Ed 4/22**, (Rick 5/13, Liane 5/29, Chip 6/10, Ken 6/24, Lenice 7/8)
3. **Approval of Minutes:** (April 8, 2019)
Item 9 highlight action items noted or voted.
Claude used blue as action items.
To do items in bold italic.
Spelling on donor names.
Minutes were accepted as amended.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Balance \$3565.76. No other obligations. \$700 new donations
5. **Clerk's Report:**
6. **Upcoming meetings:**
7. **Corinth Group:**
8. **Meeting reports:** Corinth group
9. **NBRC grant:** Topsham Telephone pilot project, Claude will look at maps and Ed will investigate existing fiber.

Ed was unable to get any response from Topsham Telephone regarding fiber in their service area of Newbury. Ed also had been in contact with John Andreu at First Light, who had not yet responded. Ed has also spoken at length with Chris Campbell, one of the prospective consultants for Newbury REDI. Chris was not bullish about the prospect of working with TT.

Lenice moves that Ed move forward with the NBRC backup grant also TT if timely information is available. Brad seconded.

10. **Sub-Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Partnership with Consolidated Communications (CCI):**
 - i. **CCI future meeting;** scheduled meeting?
 - ii. **Contract for Engineering Study:** version 3.0

Claude raised concerns about the right of way language on p. 6 of the Contract of Engineering Study. Claude will take that out the ROW language and make other corrections as discussed. Claude proposes to send revised document to town and CCI. Agreed. Brad moves, Ken seconds. Approved.

- b. **Technology:**
- c. **Finance:**

- i. **USDA grant**, Received notice of complete application.
- ii. **ThinkVermont grant**, Awarded:
- iii. **Possible future donation contacts**: Ron Vaughan, Marvin Harrison, Frank Tegethoff, Richard Boch, Richard Waterhouse:

d. **Publicity:**

11. **Chesterfield NH project**: Discussion of CCI proposal shared by Brad R. (3/15/ email).

12. **Consultant: Contacts; [Request for Proposals](#)**

- a. Chris Campbell of Tilson Tech
- b. Sherry McCuller of Magellan Advisors
- c. Carol Monroe with ValleyNet
- d. Interisle Consulting Group
- e. Michael Birnbaum with Kingdom Fiber
- f. Rubin Bennet in Barre

Add tech guy from EC Fiber. Invite Michael Birnbaum to a REDI Net meeting. Ken seconded. All in favor. Ed to reach out to Michael. Lenice will get samples of fiber RFP's.

13. **Future Concerns**: If CCI shares in equity, will they add \$1 mil (Nate)? We will not skim off the profits. Universality and affordability (Rick).

14. **Other Business:**

Ken submitted his resignation, having enjoyed the company but wishes to move on to other projects.

15. **Next REDI meeting**: Monday, May 13, 2019, Space on Main, 4:30 PM

Claude adjourned the meeting at 5:52 PM.

Submitted: Claude Phipps, chair, 4/20/2019