

Newbury REDInet Meeting

Of August 12th

Attendees: Claude Phipps, Ed Childs, Chip Conquest, and Bonnie Taylor guest and prospective board member.

Meeting called to order at 4:40. No quorum present so informal discussion ensued.

Discussion of CCI contract: It has been edited by CCI. Claude will send their version to board members for approval or final changes.

Discussion of the Vermont Public Service Department's Innovation Grants: These are available to support planning and development of high-speed internet networks. Responses to indicate interest in applying for one of these grants are due by September 5th. Ed will make the contact.

Discussion of VEDA Broadband Expansion Loans: These loans are available for implementation of broadband projects. Loan maximum is \$2M per project and there is \$10M total available. There was agreement that because of the limited dollars and the impetus to set up new networks spurred by this year's legislation and associated financial supports, we need to be able to apply for one of these loans ASAP. Chip will make inquiries about how to start the process.

Meeting adjourned 5:45. Next meeting Aug. 26.

Submitted by Chip Conquest 8/23/2019