

NEWBURY TELECOMMUNICATIONS RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INFRASTRUCTURE
DISTRICT

Newbury REDI District Board meeting March 26, 2018

Board members present: Dan Burwinkel, Ed Childs, Nate Dudenhoffer, Jim Henderson, Claude Phipps, Brad Vietje

Board members absent: Lenice Cicchini, Chip Conquest

Guests present: Rick Hausman, Richard Pollock

Meeting called to order by Claude Phipps at 4:45 PM

Minutes of 3-12-2018 approved as posted at www.NewburyREDI.net

Treasurer's Rept: Dan has sent a check to Town of Newbury to cover training costs for Lenice (which she is reimbursing for a net zero cost)

Clerk's Report: Brad reports that we now have a D.U.N.S. Number (043002374), and a S.A.M. Account (acct. # 826R3). The Town has its own D.U.N.S. Number, and will need its own S.A.M. Account. Brad to assist Mary Collins in this.

Sub-Committee Reports:

- Coordination with Fairpoint: Ed drafted an MOU about who can negotiate on our behalf, (has been distributed for approval). Will be sent to Consolidated Communications via Certified Mail; Chip to get address for same to Jeff Austin
- Technology: 5G will not be widespread in VT "any time soon"
- Finance: Town to serve as agent and apply to USDA on our behalf. Commitment and support letters need to be re-addressed to the Newbury Selectboard, attn: Alma Roystan by April 6. Laurie to meet with Susie Poland, but very competitive, so our chances are not great. Claude met with Selectboard – our portion of the meeting was positive. No date for meeting with Eric Law yet.
- Proposed amended statute: (RE: at-large Board members) Sen. Kitchell says Senate will not get involved, and will defer to the House. Rick reports that "at-large member" has a specific meaning in the VT Legislature.
- Web Site: www.newburyredi.net is active, and being developed and improved continuously. Jim commended for his fine work. Jim wants to have a single link lead to documents, with agendas and minutes linked there. Dan to link the ReNewbury Fast Broadband site to redirect.

MOU for all volunteers: MOU making it clear that all work on our behalf is volunteer and therefore unpaid needs to be distributed for signatures. This includes our local volunteers, as well as CJ and Les. CJ will need to either sign our MOU defining her role as a volunteer, or send us one that she originates to define her role, if different.

Next Steps: Brad, Dan, and Nate to work with Les Thomas on the spreadsheet in preparation for negotiations with Fairpoint/Consolidated. The end product needs to be defined roles for REDInet, Consolidated, and CJ & Les.

Les implies that there are multiple profit centers in the spreadsheet, which we need to understand. Is there a need for a "ReNewCo" operating company? If so, structure needs

to be defined. We need to define the deliverables of the engineering study, to include:

- miles of fiber – strands and type
- data to design network architecture
- costs – possibly for phased construction
- where over-lash and where underground (and specifics of direct burial vs. conduit)
- Pole Inventory

Other Business: Richard Pollock suggests we use local message boards to get the survey out to more residents. Format was discussed, as the on-line form we use for data entry does not match the printed forms exactly. Dan and Richard to work on this.