

Newbury REDInet meeting minutes

3/11/19

Meeting called to order at 4:40

Board members present: Claude, Nate, Liane, Ken, Chip

Guest: Rick Hausman

1. **Note taker:** Chip (Ken 3/25, Lenice 4/08, Ed 4/22, Rick 5/13, Liane 5/29)
2. **Approval of minutes:** Minutes of 2/25 approved
3. **Treasurer's report:** \$2865.76 in account
4. **Clerk's report:** No progress on SAMs number
5. **Corinth Group:** no report
6. **Meeting reports:** Nate and Rick met with Brian Otley and Robert Dostis of Green Mountain Power. They reported that GMP was not interested in considering any kind of working relationship with us outside of the standard pole space lease arrangement. A brief discussion of the "fiber utility" concept followed.
7. **USDA and ThinkVermont grants:** Rick checked with Two Rivers Ottaquechee Regional Commission about their willingness to act as the fiscal agent for us in our reapplication for a USDA grant. They are willing fill that role. After discussion it was decided that staying with the town as the fiscal agent would make the reapplication simpler and changing agents would not provide significant

benefit. Motion was made and passed to stay with town as the fiscal agent.

Claude is working to get the USDA grant application completed. Committee discussed how best to allocate our grant funding proposal and settled on the following:

ThinkVermont grant. Awarded for engineering study with CCI Requires 1:1 match.

Award: \$8,116

Match: \$2,416 REDInet cash

\$5,000 CCI in-kind

\$700 Advance REDInet subscriptions

\$16,232 Total

USDA grant application: Remainder of Engineering Study (\$5,000), Consultant (\$10,000) Legal Services (\$10,000).

Grant: \$25,000

REDInet matching funds:

\$8,116 ThinkVermont grant

\$20,000 CCI in-kind

Meeting adjourned 5:50

Submitted: Chip Conquest 3/12/19

