

# NEWBURY TELECOMMUNICATIONS RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INFRASTRUCTURE DISTRICT.

4:30 PM, Tenney Library, Newbury Village

## Newbury REDInet Meeting Minutes Monday, May 14, 2018

Meeting started: 4:40 PM

Meeting ended: 6:20 PM

Attending: Board members —Claude, Brad, Dan, Nate, Chip and Jim. Non members Richard and Rick.

1. **Updates to Agenda:** Acknowledge Susan U. and Laurie W. — New sub-committees
2. **Note taker:** Jim, (Ed 6/11, Chip 6/25, Lenice 7/9, Nate 7/23)
3. **Approval of Minutes:** (*April 23, 2018*) minutes are on *newburynewburyREDI.net* — Approved
4. **Treasurers Report:** *Funds on hand, bills paid, funds received* — nothing new to report. The treasury has \$3321.16.
5. **Clerk's Report:** *Volunteer MOU, survey reports, Record keeping* — LOI went out to Fairpoint/Consolidated via certified return mail. — Brad sent MOU to all volunteer members and one has been signed and returned. — Claude asked about a digital copy of the USDA grant proposal. Should be able to get one from Laurie.
6. **Sub-Committee Reports:**
  - a. **Coordination with FairPoint:** *Meeting with Jeff Austin? Who will do what? LOI sent to Consolidated and receipt received. See discussion below in other business* Fairpoint/Consolidated on forming new sub-committees.

- b. **Technology:** Dan mentioned that Consolidated is having problems figuring out what speeds are available for which areas. Probably an issue from the merger
  - c. **Finance:** (*Rick & Laurie*) progress on grant; *Final grant dates: USDA funding, Loans & Pilot program (Eric Law & Kendrick Gordon)* — Grant was submitted. Once we get grant, town will need to get a contract with Fairpoint/Consolidated to understand what the engineering study will entail and who has ownership.
  - d. **Publicity:** — Nothing was discussed
  - e. **Proposed amended Statute:** On Hold until 2019
  - f. **Web site:** (*Jim*) *Pictures, Minutes and agendas from town.* — Nothing was discussed
7. **CJ's spread sheet:** *meetings, discussions, and results.* — Nate mentioned he had not been able to get a response from CJ or Les and would not continue on that course. It was suggested we move on to finding a new consultant (volunteer). Dan will put a request out on Linked-In
8. **Customer surveys:** *Electronic version of survey* — Since Google Docs wouldn't allow us to link to the second document on the survey, it was suggested we move the survey to something like "Survey Monkey"
9. **Next steps, Discussion of schedule:** *USDA Grant, web site, contract with FairPoint* — work on contract with Fairpoint/Consolidated should be worked on by a new sub-committee
10. **New Board member:** no action taken
11. **Other Business:** 1. Send a card to Susan Underwood for her service on the board and a card & \$50 thank you gift to Laurie Laurie Williams for her great work on the USDA grant. Proposed by Brad and seconded by Chip. Vote was unanimous 2. Let the domain renewburybroadband expire. Proposed by Dan and seconded by Jim. Vote was unanimous. 3. Claud suggested that we form 3 sub-committees to work with what

comes after we get the grant. The first committee would work on the our relationship with Fairpoint/Consolidated on the engineering survey and who owns what from the survey. The second will do some preliminary work on costs for customer services, how others are providing their services and what a phased build out would look like. The third committee would be for “Contract generation and oversight” of the work with Fairpoint/Consolidated. This committee would consist of Chip, Nate and Claude.

12. **Next REDI meeting:** The next meeting was agreed to be 6/11 and we canceled the Memorial Day meeting.

Minutes were submitted by Jim