

REDI Meeting 10.23.17

Notes by Laurie Williams

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 4:40 by Claude Phipps. Present were:

Claude Phipps*	Jim Henderson*	
Brad Vietje*	Ed Childs*	
Chip Conquest*	Nate Dudenhoeffer	
Dan Burwinkel*	Laurie Williams	
Susan Underwood*	CJ Stumpf	
Lenice Cicchini*	Les Thomas	*REDI Board Member

Minutes:

- Motion to approve: Claude
- Second: Brad
- Approved with plan to revisit quorum issue.

Meeting Schedule and Place:

- Susan: motion to move future meetings to Tenney Memorial Library 2nd and 4th Mondays 4:30-6:30
- Jim: Second
- Motion approved

Quorum discussion:

- Lenice: Motion to change wording for quorum from "50%" to the number "5"
- Chip: Second
- Motion approved

Terms for board members:

Jim - 1 year term	Brad - 2 year term
Dan - 1 year term	Chip - 2 year term
Susan - 1 year term	Claude - 3 year term
Lenice - 2 year term	

- Brad: Motion for terms to start January 2018. To be voted on at annual meeting.
- Susan: Second
- Motion approved

Treasurer's Report:

- Check for \$500 from the R&R Foundation, of Bradenton, FL
- We will forward them our tax exempt number once we have one. Claude will be applying online.
- Discussion: Accounting package for REDI District? Dan to decide on package.

- Wells River Savings Bank will be the bank.

Clerk's Report:

- Brad is working with Mary Collins to get things on town website.
- Meeting needs to be posted 5 days ahead. Minutes need to be posted within 5 days.
- Once our bylaws are approved, we will not have official space on the town site. Our minutes will be linked from the town to our own site but not housed on the town site.
- Brad prefers to put minutes up as Draft and then change to Approved.
- CJ: keep both up so that people can see changes. If Draft minutes are approved without change, just change label to Approved.
- Susan has sent info to Vermont State Archives so we are registered with Secretary of State's office.
- "Doing business as" (DBA) name/tradename discussion tabled. We won't apply for DBA right now.

Subcommittees:

Fairpoint:

- CJ: Original survey was inventory of assets (\$20,000). New proposal looked more extensive.
- CJ: we should ask FP to specify the "deliverables" of their proposal. For example, what is inventory versus design cost?
- Next step: Ask FairPoint for clarification: what are the deliverables for \$20,000? Chip and Dan will follow up with Fairpoint.

Technology: no new info

Finance: Claude will talk to **Vermont Community Foundation**, Laurie: **Byrne Foundation**. Brad will send REDI Description to Laurie for any grant applications. We are looking for money for the survey.

Publicity: Try to figure out a way to text meeting notifications to interested parties

By-Laws Committee: First meeting on October 30th. 4:30 at Lenice's house.

Website/Ed's Video: Break videos into splices of info (how impact my taxes? What is a REDI district?) that are linked to website.

White Paper

- It breaks naturally into 4 sections, so cover one section per meeting.
 1. Overview
 2. Inventory for Build
 3. Financing
 4. Negotiation with Fairpoint
- Before first white paper meeting: revise white paper to include section labels, divide out FP/non-FP discussion, base numbers on more realistic expectations
- If there is a part of the white paper that CJ feels should be discussed in executive session, she will let Claude know so it can arrange it on the agenda.

Last Mile Policy: tabled

FirstNet: Claude had discussion with Terry LaValley. Conclusion: can we position ReNewbury Broadband to sell fiber to companies? Potentially more of a customer to us than a resource.

Seasonal Use Policy: tabled

Sanders/Leahy/Welch meeting: tabled

Other Business: email address? Ideas for email alias? Maybe figure out name, first?

Next Meeting: November 13, 2017 Tenney Memorial Library 4:30-6:30 pm