

# NEWBURY TELECOMMUNICATIONS RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INFRASTRUCTURE DISTRICT.

Wednesday, May 27, 2020 4:30 PM, Zoom Meeting via Space on Main  
Zoom meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/764140233>

## Minutes: Newbury REDInet Regular Meeting

1. **Call to order at 4:30.**
2. **Attending:** Bonnie, Lenice, Dan, Liane, Ed, Claude. **Guests:** Rick, Linda as recorder.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** May 11, Approved.
4. **Treasurers Report:** Budget attached. Note change: Total expended to Linda is actually \$300.
5. **Clerk's Report:** Bonnie's first meeting as Clerk. A recent concern over online security prompts a change in meeting protocol. Dan moves, Liane seconds we improve security by moving off a permanent Zoom meeting link to a random link Dan will supply through his Google link for non-profits. Agreed and will be used starting June 8.
6. **Assignments from April 27 meeting:**

**Rick** – Current borrowing conditions are in flux. He recommends we wait to find out how much money the Federal Care Act will offer.

**Chip** – Not available, but he will contact GMP and WEC to get a count of HV vs. residential poles in Newbury.

**Dan** – Charter service has far fewer poles than they claim. He will get it on a map soon.
7. **Presentation by Jason Ukm of AxiaTP:** Not available, a scheduling mishap.
8. **Matrix Design Group:** Claude suggests we spend the \$10,000 USDA grant funds for Matrix survey, since that money is only available to us for a feasibility study. Discussion: EC Fiber meeting early June. Rick: Newbury select board sent letter of interest to ECF. Ed will post Tomei's response for us to read. Ed will attend ECF as rep from Corinth.
9. **Emergency Broadband Action Plan, (EBAP):** Claude asks all members to read this.
10. **dBase "subscribers 3":** Claude converted from CCI spreadsheet. He found 904 subscribers but C & T not actually serving all of them. Rick suggests we go to each town for the grand list to get updated 2020 addresses.
11. **Selectboard meeting:** Claude met with SB at their last meeting to discuss possible location of hub. Town office's upper floor is not sturdy enough, and if town garage we would need to request to use their water, bathroom and power. Need standby power. Matrix doesn't care where the hub will be. Also possibly Snake Road and Moore Hill Road Federal building.
12. **Consultant:** Matrix Design Group proposal, submitted by Chris 5/8/20.
13. **Sub-Committee Reports:**

- a. **Partnership with Consolidated Communications:** On Hold
- b. **Technology:** No discussion.
- c. **Finance:**
  - i. **Broadband Innovation Grant 2019:** Insurance delayed, no contract yet. Local insurance says no one will carry. LCT will not cover CUDs. Claude sent letter to DPS for insurance help, no response. Dan will look for possibles. Rick: Rob Fish is asking his network re: insurance and will contact Claude if he has list of companies that will insure or name other groups that have found insurance. Claude and Rick will share info. Claude will send Michael Dehart Dept of Public Works, Innovation Grants seeking insurance carriers and will share.
  - ii. **USDA Grant:** Mary says she has a final invoice from Consolidated. Wait to see how they pursue.
  - iii. **VEDA:** meeting on June 13.

14. **Other Business:** None.

15. **Next REDI meeting:** Monday, June 8, Zoom, 4:30 PM

Submitted: Linda Ide, Recorder, 6/1/2020

## Newbury REDInet Budget 2020

1 January - 31 December 2020

	2020 Budget	2020 Actual 5/25/2020
<u>Income</u>		
Allocated from existing funds	\$11,400	
Includes: Think VT grant (8,116) and \$2,700 restricted		
Grants		
USDA legal services	\$4,000	\$1,197.00
USDA Engineering study	\$5,000	\$2,500.00
USDA Consultant Phase I	\$10,000	
BIG 2019 Consultant phase I	\$17,000	
BIG 2019 Consultant phase II	\$17,000	
Donations		
Restricted Subscriber	\$2,000	

Unrestricted	\$600	\$275.00
	<b>\$67,000</b>	<b>\$3,972.00</b>
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>		
Engineering Study, Consolidated	\$10,000	\$2,500.00
Legal services	\$2,000	\$1,197.00
Consultant phase I	\$36,000	
Consultant phase II	\$17,000	
Governing Board		
Meeting Recorder (to 4/13)	\$1,200	\$300.00
Office rent	\$400	\$400.00
Training	\$0	
Publicity	\$400	
	<b>\$67,000</b>	<b>\$4,397.00</b>

Includes town reimbursement, first quarter 2020

    Checking account balance, 5/25/20 **\$8,756.76**