

Broadband Implementation Committee

July 14, 2023/ 1:00 PM / Zoom

Attendees

Tom Sevigney, Craig Mansfield, Theresa Govert, Irene Haines, Stuart Palmer, Stan Conover, Bruce Harris, Laurel White, Linda Zemienieski

Tom Sevigney is appointed Chairman

Laurel White is appointed Secretary

Stan Conover is appointed Treasurer

Irene Haines discussed the overview of the Committee charge

Committee is requested to read the Feasibility Study prepared by EntryPoint, who is the company in Utah advising us

The Committee is informed that Theresa is the contact person for State and Federal funds, she can help us navigate the role the State and Federal agencies will play in terms of RFPs, funding and the Education campaign we will need to undertake to bring the community into alignment with implementing broadband as a town

East Haddam qualifies as a broadband desert and thusly has a very good chance of obtaining funds from State and Federal funding

This will enable us to potentially have funding available needed to support grants

ARPA funds will be available starting in 2024 and must be spent by December 31, 2026 which puts this in a very tight schedule

DEEP may be able to support us in readiness and Theresa will look into having them come speak to us, Irene will support Theresa in this endeavor

The Committee will meet every two weeks, on Fridays at 1pm. Craig will set up the Zoom link and email each member the link. Craig will also send out a hold for our calendars for this schedule. The Municipal Office Complex is open and available to those of us that would like to meet in person.

The next meeting, July 28, 2023, Tom will ask EntryPoint to present to us.

Next 3 steps to take toward implementation

Costs

Education campaign

Craig requested we ask EntryPoint for an updated quote

Theresa noted that from 2011-2019 discussions at the state level regarding Municipal access to telephone poles to run services, so Eversource can't control how municipalities get services

Next Meeting July 28, 2023, 1pm via Zoom link and in person at the MOC

Respectfully submitted,

Laurel White, secretary

Next Meeting Agenda

EntryPoint presentation

Updated quote

Potential DEEP advisor information