

Broadband Implementation Committee

September 6, 2024, 1pm, Zoom

Attendees

Tom Sevigney, Craig Mansfield, Stan Conover, Bruce Harris, Stu Palmer, Laurel White, Irene Haines, Linda Ziemienieski

Entry Point Nicole Cozzo, Erik Banyai

Meeting called to order at 1:03pm

August 23, 2024 Minutes approved, Motion made Stan, 2nd Bruce

Discussion with Nicole from, Entry Point regarding USDA loan process

Jeff Christiansen from Entry Point has not met with the USDA representatives yet. Most of this discussion was speculative and exploratory. There are choices with which application for RFPs would suit the USDA decision makers. If we were to consider using the RFP that Westport, MA did, we would need to customize it to our needs and demographics. Nicole stressed several times that we need to wait to see which application the USDA wants us to use. Until Jeff(EP) talks with the USDA we are in a holding pattern. Nicole thinks we should have some more information in 2 weeks. Craig asked if the application should be through the town of East Haddam or Entry Point. Nicole thinks that the town is the right avenue at this point. The process for funding with the USDA can be a bonds path with the installed Network being the collateral. Craig is familiar with the RFP process and filling them out. Entry Point will give us the needed tech information and we will do the rest, a design build style which Craig is familiar with.

Large lawn signs need to come down. They are weathered and ragged looking. Stu and Pete Govert will assist in this.

Next Meeting September 21, 2024, 1pm Zoom

Meeting adjourned at 1:17pm