

Town of Winchester Broadband Committee
April 22, 2022
Meeting Minutes

The Winchester Broadband Committee met on April 22, 2022 at 2:00 at the Winchester Town hall and on ZOOM. Attendees were: Jim Hochstetter, John Grimmer, Nancy Johnson, Dave Lull, Nicholas Newton, Gary Engstrom. Guest attendee: Craig Gowgiel

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:58 and meeting recording set.
2. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes from 3/23 committee meeting and 4/06 Brightspeed meeting was made by Dave, seconded by Nicholas. Motion carried.
3. New Business:
 - a. Discussed the impact of the Brightspeed plan vs the committee original goals. It was agreed that the committee should keep in contact with both the PSC and Brightspeed to keep Winchester involved and show support and interest in getting broadband into the community. An email will be sent to the PSC by Jim requesting any feedback on Brightspeeds potential for grant approval this year. An email will also be sent by Jim to John Livecchi at Brightspeed requesting a copy of an updated coverage map used in a recent PSC grant submission.
 - b. Discussed and reviewed the addendum to Brightspeed's grant application filed on 4/13/22. The concern continues to be the coverage area defined in the grant. As stated in the previous point, the committee will request a copy of the updated coverage area being proposed for this grant. Dave will also make contact with a former Centurylink employee who may have some insight into the state of the fiber network in Winchester.
 - c. Does the Winchester Broadband Committee have any way of being effective in bringing this much needed improvement to the community. The committee will continue communications with all entities involved in the delivery of broadband to Winchester. Until regulatory approvals occur for the Lumen acquisition and Brightspeed operations, the committee is limited in the amount of actions that can be taken.
4. Guest Craig Gowgiel mentioned that in any communication with the community, accuracy of data is important. He also discussed his observation of Centurylink work done on his road, West Birch Lake, in previous years.
5. No correspondence or other items.
6. Next meeting date is 5-20-22 at 2:00
7. Meeting adjourned at 3:04 and the meeting recording was saved to the cloud.

Respectfully Submitted

Nancy Johnson, Committee Secretary