

Broadband Advisory Committee

Special Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 21, 2022 at 5:00pm

- A. Mark McCarthy called the meeting to order at 5:08. In attendance: Marc McCarthy, Scott Olson (Zoom), Gary Stango, Peter Kujawski. Guests: David Boisvert
- B. Address minutes from February 17, 2022 regular meeting: Motion to accept minutes from Peter, seconded by Gary, adopted unanimously
- C. New business
1. Marc asked Peter for an update from recent docket filings related to ongoing PURA investigation into Cablevision. Peter reviewed documents related to PURA investigation into Cablevision of CT (Altice), Docket No. 2-12-01, including interrogatories and motions. Perhaps most interesting, the CT AG moved and was granted "intervening" status. Most issues in the investigation appear to deal with Altice customer service issues. Most recently, Altice rescinded their motion for a protective order and responded to PURAs interrogatories. The committee then discussed whether the PURA investigation was relevant to Altice's recent lack of correspondence/updates, however discussion was only speculative. It was noted that PURA plans to issue a report later in May.
 2. Update on AlticeUSA FTTH initiative – 8 town Mark advised that since the 'regional' broadband meeting, he had invited both Esme and Altice CEO to engage in dialogue/attend meetings, but has not heard back. Committee then had a brief discussion, initiated by Scott, of "cabinet" placement within 8 towns and implication of same, individual town power generation vs. Altice planned mobile generation and Altice marketing and engineering plans known to date. Mark then discussed his recent communications with other town's broadband contacts.
 3. Tech task force creation via Wamogo & Litchfield HS – Marc provided a brief update about the creation of task force.
- D. Survey
- Mark reviewed his discussions with Todd and Virginia about including the committee's survey in Town Topics, including the possibility of placement of a QR code in the publication. Mark will draft an article for Town Topics and will circulate to committee. Peter then suggested that local businesses may be willing to allow a hard copy survey to be placed in their businesses. This would have the advantage of residents' ability to complete the survey quickly and leave it with the business, which the committee/town could collect. The idea was received positively by committee members and Peter agreed to run with the idea and take the pulse of a couple of sample businesses.
- E. Peter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Gary and voted upon unanimously.

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Attest Brian E. Breen
Goshen Town Clerk

