

Town of Goshen

Broadband Advisory Committee Meeting for Monday, December 20, 2021 3:30PM

This meeting was held in person at Town Hall as well as for viewing on Zoom. This meeting is also available to be viewed as a recording.

In attendance: Marc McCarthy, Scott Olson, Peter Kujawski, Todd Carusillo

1. The meeting was called to order by Marc McCarthy at 3:30PM
2. A motion was made by Scott Olson to approve the revised minutes of the December 7, 2021 meeting which Marc had submitted to Barbara and seconded by Peter Kujawski. The motion carried.
3. There was discussion among the members regarding whether we wanted to include improving wireless signal within town as part of the commission's focus. It was decided to forego including wireless signal improvement by the commission for the following reasons:
 - A. Unlike access to fixed line high-speed internet (HSI) the wireless market is competitive, with several major companies competing for consumers within the area. The wireless market does not face the same quasi-monopoly issues towns face when there is just one fixed line operator passing homes such as we have with Optimum (Cablevision of Litchfield).
 - B. Any efforts by the commission directed at the wireless industry would only dilute our efforts to focus on access to HSI.
4. Marc McCarthy gave an in-depth shared screen presentation (the presentation in its entirety is attached to the minutes) encompassing the following:
 - A. Discussion regarding what surrounding towns are doing to increase their access to HSI as well as where they are in the process. In addition, there was discussion of how Goshen's goals may be similar and/or different from our neighboring towns.
 - B. Discussion of the commission's near-term actions and long-term actions for 2022.
5. There was discussion surrounding the formation of a Broadband Task Force, to work in conjunction with the BAC and what the responsibilities would be for each as well as the distinction between the two. In addition, it was discussed that there is a need to increase the BAC's membership.
6. It was decided that before any major moves commence, the BAC will send out a town-wide survey regarding the BAC, their role in improving access to HSI, and what the public's interest is in the mission. The data derived from the survey will be used to steer the BAC's direction and focus.
7. It was decided to table the issue of laying out a 2022 BAC meeting schedule until January.
8. A motion to adjourn was made by Peter Kujawski at 4:42 and seconded by Scott Olson.

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Attest Barbara Z. Breen
Goshen Town Clerk

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