

Minutes of the Harvard Broadband Committee Meeting

Jun 1st, 2018 (Volunteer Government Room)

Committee member Attendees:

- Noyan Kinayman (Chair)
- Matt Caulfield
- Maribeth Marcello
- Christopher Roy

A quorum was met, having 4 of the required members in attendance.

The Meeting was called to order at 8:12pm, and the Agenda was briefly reviewed.

Discussion

Future of the Broadband Committee:

- We can't expect town to back a municipal bond after school debt.
- Could we work more closely with Verizon to encourage FIOS build out?
- Could we pressure Charter to provide better service to receive town approval?
- Could we pursue some form of private investment to build out?
- What is possible within the latitude of the Municipal Light Plant entity?

Committee Members:

- Maribeth and Chris will leave the Committee
- Chris leaving Concord Light Plant for Belmont (and won't be able to attend evening meetings)

Vendor / Partner Updates:

- Lighttower Fiber wants a follow up meeting
- Neighborly wants a follow up meeting

Financing Options:

- Could we create a nonprofit / private business that is tied to the MLP?
- Possible to form a "cooperative"
- Energy New England operates as a cooperative essentially a private enterprise

Governance Model for MLP:

- Separate group of experts should be elected/appointed to govern the MLP
- Light Board (elected) vs Light Commission (appointed)

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm. Motion made by Maribeth Marcello, and seconded by Matt Caulfield. The motion was approved unanimously, without objection.

Respectfully submitted, Noyan Kinayman.