

Minutes of the Harvard Broadband Committee Meeting

October 14, 2016 (Volunteer Government Room)

Committee member Attendees:

- Noyan Kinayman (Chair)
- Olivier Beauchemin
- Chris Roy
- Matt Caulfield
- Jim Dowson (Secretary)

A quorum was met, having 5 of the required members in attendance. No members of the public were in attendance

The Meeting was called to order at 8:15 pm.

The Agenda was briefly reviewed.

The minutes of the September 30th meeting were approved, without objection. (Motion by Olivier Beauchemin, seconded by Chris Roy; Matt Caulfield abstained due to his prior absence for the meeting).

Reports from Committee Members:

- Chris: The wording of the Warrant article, as referred by the Committee to the Board of Selectmen was modified without Committee consultation.

The Committee discussed the changes, and identified two concerns:

1. The process by which the committee operates and provides input to the Town's elected officials appears to be in question. The Committee is concerned that unilateral changes to a formal Committee recommendation were made without consultation.
2. Unnecessary risks to the MLP's success may have been introduced, since the wording of the Warrant (as proposed by the Committee) was the exact language used by the other 40 Massachusetts communities that have established MLPs.

A motion to express these concerns in a letter to the Board of Selectmen was moved by Olivier Beauchemin, seconded by Chris Roy and unanimously approved without objection.

Committee members will be present at the League of Women voters information session.

The next meetings will be held:

- Thursday, October 20th, 2016 at 7:00 am

Outstanding Action Items

- Draft letter of concern to Board of Selectmen (Jim)
- Committee Members to provide short biographies and photos for web site (all)
- What are the needs of the Schools? Speak to the Superintendent (?)
- Convert approved survey questions to Survey Monkey (Olivier/Jim)
- What are the needs of the Town; speak to Tim Bragan (?)

Meeting adjourned at 9:46 pm (Moved by Olivier Beauchemin, seconded by Matt Caulfield; approved without objection by a quorum).

Respectfully submitted, Jim Dowson

APPROVED by unanimous vote at November 10, 2016 HBBC meeting.