

TOWN OF ORFORD

Broadband Committee

Meeting Minutes

October 28, 2021

(Meeting in Person with a GoToMeeting Link)

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM

Roll Call of Committee Members

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Adams, Bob Hedges, Elizabeth Schwendler, Lisa Camarra, Martha Tecca, Jeff Thurston

OTHERS PRESENT: Joe Schwendler, Don Buck

ONLINE MEMBERS: Ron Smith

Approval of Minutes

- *Motion made by Adams, seconded by Schwendler to accept the minutes of 06/10/2021 as amended. Motion Passed.*
- *Motion made by Adams, seconded by Schwendler to accept the minutes of 09/23/2021 as amended. Motion Passed.*

Old Business

A. Progress Reports - *R Smith* explained that the State of NH changed the RFI (request for information) process earlier in the year for bond-seeking towns and now instead of each town sending out RFIs to individual ISPs, the NH Office of Strategic Initiatives will keep track of which ISPs service which towns. *R Smith* will send out information pertaining to this.

B. Broadband Survey - *J Schwendler* did a presentation at Grafton County with regards to the evaluation of Orford's broadband survey data. The Grafton County Broadband Committee will be taking proposals to the Grafton County Commissioners in early November and if accepted, they will start the fiber process December 1st, but the implementation schedule has not been announced yet, and the timeframe is also uncommitted pending the proposal outcome.

Adams has requested an engineering proposal from Kevin Glynn of EX² (the firm chosen by the Grafton County Broadband Committee to support the building of their network) which would outline what the town's needs are and the cost to accomplish a master layout for Orford. This proposal should be received next week. *Thurston* suggested that he would be able to look at it and be available for interpretation of the data once it is received. *Adams* will follow up with Carole, the CEO from ValleyNet.

New Business - here was no new business.

The next meeting has been scheduled for November 18th, 2021 at 7:00 PM

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Camarra