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Broadband/Fiber Committee

Committee Cliff Norton / Julie Jordan / Jim Howell / Diane Smith members:

Date: Feb. 13, 2023

Re:

2nd meeting

Discussion:

- Reviewed the town of Perry survey provided by Elaine Abbott and agreed on modifications.
- Discussed how to gauge town interest in going after fiber, how to advertise, deploy survey to assess results adequately.
- Julie provided her research on the different models from ISP's see below.

Action items:

- 1. Diane to update survey to ensure we capture all discussed.
- 2. Cliff to review advertising opportunities, e.g. Facebook, slogan, promotional plan
- 3. Jim to talk to Fidium to get details on consumer model.
- 4. Julie to talk to Spectrum and keep researching other ISP's identified from earlier - 2021 - town survey.

Jan 24 – actions:

- 1. Julie to make calls to applicable entities to see who owns the poles in town – update: deemed too early for now
- 2. Julie to call contact at DBU to explore sub-contracted billing service update: in process
- 3. Diane to contact Elaine for survey proposal -- Done
- 4. Diane to draft a community plan for information Update in process, plus added to results from Cliff action above

Next meeting:

Feb 27, 2023

4PM

Jonesport Town Hall

ISP	Model	Cost (TBD)	Ultimate owner	Service - e.g FTTH / FTTP	Speed / Symmetrical?
Fidium	Pay for build, then lease from ISP to buy		Town?	Possibly just to pole, coaxial to house	
DE Broadband	Buy in at 10% - goes to utility. Town gets line of credit from bank. ISP draws on line of credit during build out. Charges customer. Flat fee (e.g. \$25.00) goes to town to pay off dept		Town	To house	
Axiom	Town pays for service, town reimbursed at \$30/month.		ISP		

Addendum:

Jan 26 Discussion: Committee met with Elaine Abbott, Sunrise Economic Council, to discuss process including provider companies that are in the area, activities of other communities and requisite activities for funding applications.

These requisite activities include:

- Survey
- Resident results on speed testing
- Meet with all incumbent ISP's
- Digital Equity Plan