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Broadband/Fiber Committee

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

<i>Date:</i>	Feb. 27, 2023
<i>Re:</i>	3 rd meeting
<i>Discussion:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reviewed survey again with input from Elaine about data inputs needed for analysis• Met with Dr. Tora Johnson, UMM, who provided a street and structure map for Jonesport for use in reviewing coverage for ISP's• Elaine provided update on discussions with applicable carriers• Question on town willingness for bond and/or grant money needed for continued discussions with ISP's.
<i>Action items:</i>	<p>Feb 27 – actions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Cliff to attend Wednesday Selectman meeting and ask about town willingness for monies and how to move forward.2. Diane to update draft survey for committee review.3. Target getting survey out in March timeframe4. Get input from neighboring towns, Beals, Jonesboro, Addison, etc for regional effort.5. Target April / May to provide alternatives to Selectman. <p>Feb 13 - actions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Diane to update survey to ensure we capture all discussed.2. Cliff to review advertising opportunities, e.g. Facebook, slogan, promotional plan3. 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. <p>Jan 24 – actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">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: Mar 21, Tuesday
4PM
Jonesport Town Hall

ISP	Model	Cost (TBD)	Ultimate owner	Access / Operation	Service – e.g FTTH / FTTP	
Fidium	Pay for build, then lease from ISP to buy		Fidium	Closed-ISP will operate and maintain network	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		Jonesport	Open – DBU will operate and maintain network	To house	
Axiom	Town pays for service, town reimbursed at \$30/month.		Axiom	Closed access – ISP will operate and maintain network		

Spectrum			Spectrum	Closed - ISP will operate and maintain network		
Moosabec Region			Moosebec	Open – DBU will operate and maintain network		

Pertinant info:

- ✚ Open access promotes competition (all ISP's will be invited to use the fiber) which is best for the consumer. However, Axiom, Fidium and Spectrum will not use any fiber that they don't own, so essentially it's still a closed network.
- ✚ It's often easier to 'sell' the project to local Government and residents if they are assured that they will own the network that they have just paid for.
- ✚

Addendum: Previous discussions

*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*

*Feb 13
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.*