

Minutes  
Unanimously  
Approved,  
FHMS Four-Towns  
Committee,  
September 27, 2018

## Town of Florida, MA

Town Hall

379 Mohawk Trail, Drury, MA 01343

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FHMS Four Towns Broadband Committee Meeting  
-and-  
Town of Hawley Communications Committee Meeting (if quorum)

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### **FHMS Four Towns Broadband Committee meeting, Florida Town Hall, Thurs., Sept. 6, at 4:30 pm.**

## **M I N U T E S**

- **Attendance:**

Florida: Christine Dobbert  
Hawley: Lark Thwing, Chair, Rick Kean  
Monroe: Not in attendance  
Savoy: John Tynan  
Others: Steve Harris, representing Interisle and WiValley

- **COME to Order**

The Chair declared a quorum and the meeting came to order at 4:38 pm

- **Minutes**

- **Status of Professional Services Grant**

Lark reported that the content of this grant document is “good to go,” but that the lawyers recommended that “**six signed originals**” be created. New signature pages are being circulated for signatures.

The publicity restriction is back “in” this version, but its intent is to control

press releases purporting to represent MBI's or EOHEd's position.

Some discussion ensued about the provision naming MBI, etc., as an additional insured. The assembled group determined that this is a normal requirement in these kinds of agreements.

- **Status of Inter-Municipal Grant written by Hussain**

Lark reported that this document was revised slightly by the lawyers. There was some question about how each individual town would initiate their pole hearings. Decided that each should contact the Four Towns lawyer if they had questions about this. Six original signature pages needed for this document as well, and are being circulated for signatures.

- **Status of attachment #3 to Professional Services Grant called "Form of Town Certification of Compliance".**

This agenda item was put on hold for the time being. To be addressed at a future meeting.

- **Status of Charlemont meetings for a pole on Legate Hill**

Lark reported that a meeting was held with the Charlemont Selectboard, its Broadband Committee, and a Planning Committee member. Outcome seemed positive. Hawley will apply for the pole permit with the Four Town Network eventually owning it. An annual rental fee may be paid to Charlemont by the network owner (WiValley).

- **Status of CPM contract with Design Nine**

Lark reported that a couple of minor changes were made to the Scope of Work that is part of that agreement, and all seems in readiness for signatures.

- **Any unplanned new business**

Three items came up in new business:

- Steve Harris emphasized the importance of getting going on Pole Hearings – as the process takes about six weeks. He handed out a list of the pole placement targets for four phases entitled "Four-town vertical assets" that is attached to these minutes.
- Lark indicated that the Four Towns will need to have a service agreement "backbone" in place before Phase I can go live.
- Rick Kean handed out a copy of a sample report provided for one pole target (attached) and reported on the precision of the methods used.

- **Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm.
- **Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Four Towns Committee is scheduled for 4:30 pm, Thursday, September 20 at the Florida Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,



Rick Kean  
09/11/18