

Minutes
Unanimously
Approved,
FHMS Four-Towns
Committee,
October 1, 2018

Town of Florida, MA

Town Hall

379 Mohawk Trail, Drury, MA 01343

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

There will be a meeting of the FHMS Four Towns Broadband Committee at the Florida Town Hall on Thursday, September 27th, 2018, at 4:30 pm.

MINUTES

- **Attendance:**

Florida:	Christine Dobbert
Hawley:	Lark Thwing, Chair; Rick Kean
Monroe:	David Gagne
Savoy:	Not in attendance.
Project Manager:	Jack Maytum, Design 9, via phone
Others:	Steve Harris, representing Interisle and WiValley

- **Call to Order**

The Chair declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 4:15 pm.

- **Minutes**

Were moved and accepted as written.

- **Introductions:**

Lark introduced Jack Maytum (via speakerphone) as our Project Manager (via pending agreement with Design9) to the group. When asked, Jack

said he was up to speed with the written materials and would be more so after this phone conversation.

- **Status of signing of Inter-Municipal Agreement.**

Lark said this is done.

- **Status of signing of Professional Services Grant Agreement (with Towns).**

Lark said this is done but for one last set of signatures from MBI.

- **Status of Action Plan finalization.**

Lark said this was still a work in progress.

- **Status of Design Nine "no conflict of interest" as Otelco PE for CAF II application.**

Lark reported that all Town representatives indicated no problem, and that Attorney Jack Ferriter eventually agreed,

- **Status of Partnership agreement for owning vertical assets.**

Lark reported that this agreement is still being drafted. David asked how the assets would be shared. Lark answered that the basis would be each Town's percentage of the total, four-town MBI allocation.

- **Status of Legate Hill pole hearing.**

Lark is waiting for materials to submit. The group expressed concern about current level of resistance, agreed that objective, third party data is needed to counter the potential for misinformation. Rick asked if Jack knew of any third-party literature that might be helpful. Jack said that it had not been an issue, but he would look for some. Lark followed up with a question about whether Design9 could issue a statement regarding the safety issue, and he said he would speak with his president about that.

- **Status of individual towns' pole hearings.**

The members present reported that all Towns are in the process of scheduling hearings. There was some discussion about whether ads needed to be placed. Three towns are planning to hold hearings for all proposed sites at once. One, Savoy, will be doing the hearings in at least two passes.

- **Other items not currently anticipated.**

Because of TIME conflicts, Lark reported that the next meeting will have to be scheduled at a later time. It would take place in about a month, unless something comes up. If so, then the meeting could possibly take place on October 18 or 19. Steve, who arrived late, stressed the importance of establishing a viable relay site.

- **Adjourn**
The meeting adjourned at 5:24 pm.