

Minutes
Unanimously
Approved,
FHMS Four-Towns
Committee,
November 15, 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, November 1, 2018, at 4:30 pm.

MINUTES

- **Attendance:**

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| Florida: | Christine Dobbert |
| Hawley: | Lark Thwing, Chair; Rick Kean |
| Monroe: | David Gagne |
| Savoy: | John Tynan |
| Project Manager: | Jack Maytum, Project Manager, and Sid Boswell, CTO, 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 4:35 pm.

- **Prior Minutes**

Were moved and accepted as written.

- **Status of signing of agreements:**
 - Hand out Professional Services Agreements (SIGNED)
 - Lark handed out this document to each respective town representative.

- **Action Plan status.**

Lark reported that all issues between WiValley and MBI have been worked out. Bryan Foucher is still probing tax- free options for purchase of poles. The other parts of the agreements are up to MBI/OHED.

- **Partnership Agreement** review – what name do we want. Are we ready to sign?

No, agreement has not been reached. John Tynan and Christine Dobbert asked to have the required language worked into the Inter-Municipal Agreement. Lark agreed to work on that with Atty. Jack Ferriter.

- **Easement agreements** – CHARLEMONT and ROWE – INFO only
These will be used wherever we have poles.

- **Pole Hearing Updates:**

Christine and John both said that their hearings went well, with only minor pushback.
Monroe has not addressed the issue of pole hearing yet.
Lark said that Hawley’s hearing had to be rescheduled to the 15th, and that there was a major set of issues brewing.

- **Network Services Agreement** – sent to Design Nine for comment.

Sid said that the document needs standards for downtime response. He suggested that the trucks should be rolling within 4 hours of notification. The rest would be between OTELCO and their customers and OTELCO should have some standard language.

- **Other items** not anticipated at time of posting.

None.

- **Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm.

