

Minutes  
Unanimously  
Approved,  
FHMS Four-Towns  
Committee,  
November 29, 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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A meeting of the FHMS Four Towns Broadband Committee at the Florida Town Hall on Thursday, November 15, 2018, at 4:30 pm.

## MINUTES

- **Come to Order:** The Chair declared a quorum and convened the meeting at 4:35 pm.
- **Minutes:** The November 1, 2018 meeting minutes were approved as written.
- **Amendment to replace Partnership Agreement:**  
This draft amendment was reviewed by the committee. One change, in how the monies to pay for insurance costs, etc., were to be raised, was requested by the group: towns to raise and appropriate as part of annual budgeting process rather than charge a fee to customers.
- **Are we ready to sign the Action Plan?**  
Just about. Lark reported that the lawyers were putting the final touches on the pole taxation question concurrently with this meeting, and that the final documents should be ready for signing at our next meeting.
- **Results of Hawley's pole hearing:**

Lark reported that there was pushback, but the locations, with some latitude for adjustments, were all passed by the Hawley Selectboard.

- **Update on WiValley's activities:**

Lark reported that in addition to the pole purchase taxation issue and attending the Pole Hearings, Brian was working on constructing a trailer with a long collapsible pole that would be used for getting more precise line-of-sight readings, and that he is also exploring the best options for Borden Mountain. WiValley/OTELCO has been advised their network services agreement needs more detail and they are working on that. WiValley/Otelco and their lawyers are reviewing our network service agreement. Brian feels that it needs more meat.

- **Update on Charlemont Selectboard election:**

Lark noted that Charlemont now has a full Board of Selectmen. The first question is whether their existing cell tower bylaw addresses fixed wireless. That's a Planning Commission issue. Then the Board will have to conduct a pole hearing regarding the relay site selected.

- **Business items not otherwise anticipated prior to the meeting.**

None.

- **Adjournment:**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:45 pm.