

Minutes  
Unanimously  
Approved,  
FHMS Four-Towns  
Committee,  
March 7, 2019

## 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 29, 2018, at 4:30 pm.

### MINUTES

- **In Attendance:**

Florida: Christine Dobbert  
Hawley: Lark Thwing, Chair, and Rick Kean  
Monroe: David Gagne  
Savoy: John Tynan

- **Convene Meeting:**

The Chair declared a quorum and convened the meeting at 4:37 pm.

- **Minutes:**

The minutes of the prior meeting were reviewed and accepted as written.

- **Sign Inter-Municipal Amendment:**

After some discussion about inclusion of fiber and how specifically each type of vertical asset needed to be enumerated, the group decided to sign the agreement as is, as amendments and edits could always be added later.

- **Sign Action Plan Signature Sheets:**

Lark explained that a few requirements were deleted as the plan evolved, but that there were no substantive changes. Signature sheets were signed.

- **Design Nine Visit on Dec 10<sup>th</sup>:**

Lark explained that WiValley's Brian Foucher and DesignNine's Jack Maytum would be taking a tour of the Phase I pole sites beginning at 10:00 am at the Hawley Town Office on Monday, December 10. After a mid-day break, the group would reconvene along with the rest of the members at 4:30 pm in Florida at a meeting - celebration of the FHMS Four Towns Broadband Committee.

- **Status Charlemont Pole Hearing:**

Lark reported that all three Selectpersons are now in place in Charlemont and are ready to receive a pole hearing petition. They have received a legal opinion that the Selectboard is the body that should conduct the hearing.

- **Network Services Agreement Status:**

According to Lark, this part of the project is "Next up." Basic boilerplate has been written, but WiValley's lawyers and Brian Foucher feel the agreement needs to be fleshed out. The next step will come from Brian.

- **Mary Shaffer Letter:**

All participants had recently received the letter via email and had perused it. While some group members felt the letter was well-crafted, Lark pointed out that the conclusions it draws and the proposals it puts forth are not based on current facts, and are unworkable. Brian Foucher of WiValley and Fred Goldstein of Interisle have both

drafted briefs, which will be studied before a response is issued.

- **Any Other Business not Anticipated Prior to Posting:**  
There was none.
- **Adjournment:**  
The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.