



**Town of Henniker
Broadband Committee
Wednesday, September 06, 2023, 4:30 pm
Henniker Town Hall and Virtual**

Members Present in Person: Paul Knudsen, Diane Kendall, Bob Pagano, Jesse Pinnell
Members Present Virtual: Marc McMurphy, Carol Miller – Broadband initiative Director
Members Excused: Carol Conforti-Adams
Selectboard Representative: D. Scott Osgood
Others: Carol Miller – Broadband initiative director
Recording Secretary: Jesse Pinnell
Guests: None

Meeting commenced at 4:31 PM.

A motion was made by Knudsen and seconded by Osgood to accept the minutes from the previous meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ms. Miller provided an update on the RFP status. Hub 66 did not submit a response, TDS chose to decline, and a letter was received from Comcast. Ms. Miller provided Comcast with a list of unserved addresses. Although TDS did not report numbers that matched the specifications, a list of 106 unserved addresses was sent to Comcast.

Ms. Miller suggested the possibility of analyzing the numbers of DSL subscribers and assessing the quality of their service. In their RFP response, Comcast indicated plans to fund 246 addresses. Ms. Miller proposed inviting Comcast for further clarification. Mr. Pagano noted that if Comcast fulfills their commitment as stated in their response, the objectives of the broadband committee might be achieved. The Comcast project would continue without the need for contributions from the town or other grants.

Ms. Miller mentioned she would collaborate with the mappers at UNH to estimate DSL speeds based on distances from the source.

Mr. McMurphy proposed inviting Comcast's representative, Bryan Christiansen, to the next meeting for a discussion. This motion was seconded by Mr. Pinnell and approved unanimously. Mr. Pagano emphasized to the committee the importance of approaching the discussion without negative assumptions.

Ms. Miller expressed the possibility of considering TDS as “not serving” the community since due diligence had been conducted. The BEA webinar was briefly discussed, with Ms. Miller noting the lack of a Q&A session and its limited value. No attendees disagreed with her assessment.

The next meeting agenda includes a meeting with Brian from Comcast and discussions on other broadband expansion options.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Pagano and seconded by Mr. Knudsen. The meeting was adjourned at 4:57 PM with unanimous approval.

Next meeting October 4th, 2023, at 4:30 pm Henniker Town Hall and Virtual

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Respectfully submitted,

Jesse Pinnell, Minute Taker
