

Date: Saturday, February 28, 2015
Time: 1:00 - 2:00 PM
Place: Library Friend Room

Present: Geoff Bradford ,Ryan Sawyer, Karen Spencer, Tom Manning
Absent:, Robert McGillivray, Grant Harris

Summary:

Discussed next CAC steps that would lead to necessary technical analysis.

Decisions/Votes:

1. Vote to accept minutes from Nov 20, 2014 meeting.
Approved unanimously

Action Items:

1. Karen to generate an email to Carolyn Kirk (refer to detail 5b below). The following should be cc'd: Sefatia Romeo Theken (mayor), Salvatore Di Stefano (economic development director), and Jim Destino (chief of administration).
2. Tom to contact MBI/MTC (MA Broadband Initiative) re collaboration & assistance.
3. Geoff to contact The Coalition for Local Internet re collaboration & assistance.
4. Ryan to contact the Institute for Local Self Reliance re collaboration & assistance.

Details:

1. Discussion on the FCC decisions & news: net neutrality, public utility, municipal ownership, etc .
2. Karen's report: Per Sal diStefano, Kevin Hively (a consultant with the city) was asked to look into what is available for telecom analysis grants... no feedback, yet.
3. Ryan described how EBSCO worked with Ipswich and Light Tower to install and/or lease fiber to complete the network they need.
4. Ari Herzog from Newburyport called Karen about another regional fiber forum in April.
5. Discussion on next step:
 - a. Karen thought the next step would be to bring the issue to City Council, but need to show some accomplishments.
 - b. Geoff suggested Carolyn Kirk could be contacted now that she's at the state level for economic development. The question to ask is what funds are available for a technical analysis, in light of the net neutrality rulings. This could be at a regional level, including Newburyport and the towns in-between. How can you help us? The intention is to build infrastructure for economic development.
 - c. Another option is reaching out to the organizations listed as 'funding sources' or collaborators such as MBI (MA Broadband Initiative).
6. Some discussion on making the permitting process easier, per Google Fiber news item. We'll wait for a progress report from Grant.
7. Geoff will not be continuing another term, but will attend and help as available.

Next Meeting: Proposed for March 24 or 26 at 7:30 (not 7).

Submitted By: Tom Manning

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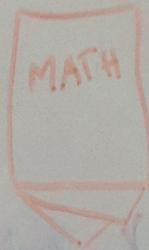
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