

TOWN OF PRESQUE ISLE

Broadband Committee

Minutes

February 3, 2025 at 7:00pm, Zoom Meeting

Members Present: Dave Bogan, Paul Specht, Nick Williams, Eric Benn, Gary Plouff, Philip Schaffner.

Absent with Notice: Christine Wolter Also Present: Cathy Logan Weber.

Item 1.) Co-Chairman Paul Specht called the meeting to order at 6:59pm.

Item 2). A motion was made by Philip Schaffner and seconded by Eric Benn to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2024 meeting of the Broadband Committee—Motion carried.

Item 3i). The Board heard an update from property owners of a parcel that is blocked from Spectrum internet service due to a property owner on the same road not providing required easement on other potential routing options they are exploring with the help of Spectrum resources. Both Dave Bogan and Paul Specht also presented what they were doing to try to get Spectrum service to the property owners. Work on this issue by the property owners and the Committee will continue until all options for rerouting identified have been explored. The parcel owners thanked the Committee for their work on this issue then parted from the meeting.

Dave B provided the Committee an update on work being done to resolve the remaining easement issues. Paul S reported that the last easement impeding service on Murphy Lake Road had been obtained.

Item 3ii&iii). Dave B and Paul S reported on the overall status of the project discussing information they felt still necessary for the Town to receive before final payment should be made to Spectrum. Dave B and Paul S updated the Committee on a recent meeting with Spectrum to get Spectrum to better understand what the Committee is looking for before it would recommend the Town Board pay the final \$900,000 to them. What is needed is a complete analysis of all parcels remaining blocked by easements and their workplan for providing services to parcels where easement issues have been resolved and other parcels not yet served due to weather or other issues.

Item 3iv). Feedback received by Committee members from property owners on subscription and installation experiences were discussed. Concern about the time line for burying fiber from the road to homes that currently have their fiber routed through the tree tops currently seemed to be the latest hot item.

Item 3v). The future of the Committee following the formal completion of the project was briefly discussed but tabled until the next meeting when it is hoped all information requested from Spectrum has been received and agreed to by the Committee.

4). The next meeting of the Committee was set for Monday, March 3, 2025 at 7pm.

5). On a motion from Dave B and seconded by Eric B, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49pm.

Respectfully submitted, Paul Specht