

GRAFTON COUNTY BROADBAND COMMITTEE MEETING  
3855 Dartmouth College Highway  
North Haverhill, NH 03774  
September 1, 2020

PRESENT: Commissioners Lauer, Piper, Morris, County Administrator Libby and Administrative Assistant Norcross, Rosalind Page, Bridgitte Codling, Nik Coates, Michael Samson, Bonnie Labrie, Carina Park, Bill Bolton, John Adams, Andrew Dorsett

Commissioner Lauer called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM.

Commissioner Lauer stated that Grafton County is lacking in internet and it really drove home when Covid-19 hit. She stated that they are joining together as a county and set up a committee that can help bring robust, affordable broadband for their towns. They are asking that the committee take over at this point and that needs to start with them thinking about appointing a chairman and clerk. Commissioner Lauer stated that minutes need to be taken and submitted to the county and they ask that the chairman report to the Commissioners quarterly. CA Libby stated that if people are interested in being a part of the committee that weren't originally appointed she doesn't think there is any opposition to adding. Each of the members introduced themselves and discussed why they wanted to be a part of this committee and what their goals are. The committee discussed the issues in their towns with broadband and the importance of the county's bonding authority to take on a project like this. The members agreed to serve as liaisons to their neighboring communities as well.

Andrew Dorsett moved to nominate Nik Coates as chair. Carina Park seconded the motion all were in favor.

There was a discussion regarding the clerk and who would be responsible for taking minutes from their meetings. Bridgitte Codling and Carina Park both stated that they have assistants who they can bring to the meetings with them to take minutes.

The Committee discussed how often they will meet and goals they have. Nik Coates stated that he feels they should meet monthly or every other month. They need to discuss what legislative fixes are needed at the state and national level, what funding is available, what is the business model, costs, routes. Each meeting could have a central topic that they can focus on. The committee agreed on monthly meetings and stated that they need to find out what towns have internet and find out what the need is in their communities. Nik Coates stated that he will communicate with the group to set up the next meeting date.

12:00 PM with no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Marcia Morris,  
Clerk