

Grafton County Broadband Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 28, 2022 at the Campton Town Offices

Attendees: Carina Park, Ed Morris, Austin Albro and Nik Coates

Not Present: None

Public and Others Attendees: Julie Libby, Katelyn Robinson, and Emily Buttorff

Open Public Meeting:

Mr. Coates opened the public meeting at 8:30am.

Meeting Minutes:

Ms. Park made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from June 2, June and July 15 as presented. Seconded by Mr. Morris. The motion passed 4-0-0.

RFQ for ISPs:

Ms. Buttorff will work on the RFQ and provide a draft to Mr. Morris who will review, finalize and work with Ms. Norcross to post to the County website. The Committee will plan its interview schedule at its next meeting.

NTIA Grant Plan:

Ms. Robinson will continue to work with Ms. Buttorff and Ms. Libby and others on the NTIA grant application. The big question is the match. Ms. Libby will schedule the committee to present to the Commissioners to provide an update on where the committee is headed and what the Commissioners' thoughts are on the match. The Committee will provide the Commissioner decision options prior to the meeting.

Meeting with State Broadband Office:

Mr. Coates will schedule a meeting with the staff at the State Broadband office to provide an update on the progress of the middle mile project and the NTIA grant plan. The committee discussed how best to let the State Broadband staff know the priorities of the Committee and why we are choosing not to apply for the State funding at this time. The primary reason is because we are focused on the middle mile and we are confident in finding good last mile partners to build out the last mile.

Funding Options:

The committee discussed bonding as one option for funding the match. More discussion will be had with the Commissioners.

Regional Meetings Update:

Mr. Morris has conducted a regional meeting and it was recorded. Mr. Coates noted it was an informative session. All agreed to plan their sessions soon.

CDBG Mid-Project Public Hearing Update:

Scheduled for August 16, 2022 at 3pm. Ms. Robinson agreed to write the Public Hearing Notice.

Public Comment:

None.

Nonpublic Session:

None.

Adjournment:

Mr. Morris made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:20am. Seconded by Mr. Albro. The motion passed 4-0-0.