

Town of Goshen
Broadband Advisory Committee
Special Meeting
Tuesday, December 7, 2021, 2:00PM

This meeting was held in-person at the town hall as well as via Zoom and is available as a recorded meeting.

Present: Scottt Olson, Marc McCarthy and Peter Kujawski

Others in attendance: Barbara Breor, Todd Carusillo

1. Call to Order: Scott Olson called the meeting to order at 2:02pm

2. Discussion of Broadband and Internet:

Scott Olson discussed how Goshen is currently behind other towns in seeking access to a higher speed internet service. Also discussed was the 8-town cooperative (all of which are Optimum-reliant for internet) which is seeking to be heard as a group. In addition to Goshen, these towns are Litchfield, Torrington, Cornwall, Warren, Morris, Watertown and Thomaston.

Marc McCarthy discussed the inferior quality and service from Optimum and suggested exploring alternatives and solutions.

Marc McCarthy discussed possible town-center Wi-Fi- and how it is worth possible exploration.

Marc McCarthy discussed the importance of establishing communications with Hartford regarding the procurement of funds and financing for the internet upgrades.

Marc McCarthy discussed the possibility of Goshen becoming its own internet service provider and exploring ways to possibly make that viable.

It was clear from the discussion that there was bounty of information and issues to be addressed and that each member will be delegated individual tasks in the near future.

It was also discussed by the group the importance of collaborating with the 8 town cooperative, NW ConneCT, Northwest COG and other active committees and boards with similar agendas for broadband internet service.

Establishment of Duties:

Peter Kujawski presented to the group an outline of notes titled "Draft Notes for Initial Meeting" which is attached to the notes.

It was discussed as a group that in effort to "catch-up" to surrounding towns, we will meet weekly if possible for the next month or so for "special meetings" in order to give the committee a sense of direction.

It was discussed as a group the importance of establishing duties of the committee members and the next special meeting shall include delegation of tasks and divisions of labor.

Peter Kujawski made a motion to elect Marc McCarthy the chairperson of the BAC and Scott Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

It was decided that we would assign specific tasks and duties at the next special meeting which would be sometime next week. Actual date to be determined.

Set 2022 Meeting Schedule:

It was determined that drafting the 2022 regular meeting schedule will be put over to the next meeting.

Adjournment:

The motion to adjourn at 3:11pm was made by Scott Olson and seconded by Peter Kujawski.

Scott Olson 

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Attest Denise H. Hine  Asst.
Goshen Town Clerk