

Broadband Commission

December 28, 2022 6PM via Zoom

Special Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: Chair John Morosani called the regular meeting to order at 6:08 PM. Present were John Bongiorno, Erich Marriott, Bruce Schnitzer, Burke Gibeny, and Denise Raap.

Absent: Steve Simonin and Jeff Zullo

Approval of Minutes: Motion: Erich Marriott moved to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2022 meeting. Bruce Schnitzer seconded. All present voted aye. and the motion carried.

Old Business: John Morosani reported Soundworks has completed the installation of the wifi networks in the Bantam, Litchfield and Northfield Firehouses. They (and East Litchfield) have received the transceivers from CEN, but we are waiting on CEN to finish provisioning the networks from their end. When CEN finishes, they will send instructions to the individual firehouses, and Soundworks will go connect the wifi networks with the CEN fiber network. John Bongiorno will meet at Town Hall with Soundworks and Bob Leigh, the Town's internet maintainer to determine what we need to add sufficient AP's to Town Hall to have a solid network throughout Town Hall. Once we know that, we can figure out how much of the original equipment ordered for Town Hall can be repurposed for East Litchfield Fire in Phase 2. John Morosani will reach out to the Borough Board to find out what we need to do to mount 2 AP's on the East side of Town Hall.

New Business: The 2nd ARPA round has been passed by the BOS and the BOF and is due to be voted on at a Town Meeting on January 17, 2023. There was a discussion on what additional areas should be set up with a muni wifi network in Phase 2. Areas agreed were the entire Green from Town Hall up to the intersection of East Street and Rte 118 and south to the US Post Office. Other areas include the Litchfield Community Field, Northfield Community Field, and the area around 28 Russell Street. John Morosani will talk with Chris Leone to discuss how Plumb Hill might be covered.

2023 Meeting Schedule: The following dates were chosen for meetings in 2023: Jan 23, Feb 27, Mar 27, Apr 24, May 22, June 26, July 24, Aug 28, Sept 25, Oct 23, and Nov 27.

Announcements: Denise Raap asked the Commission if it would consider amending its charter to include acting as a liaison to wireless providers as they seek to increase the extent of their coverage in Litchfield as 5G is added. The members were amenable to the idea. John Morosani will draft an amendment to the charter to be discussed at the January meeting.

Adjournment: Erich Marriott made a motion to adjourn at 6:34 PM, seconded by Burke Gibeny. The motion passed.

Next Meeting: Monday January 23 at 6 PM via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted by J. Morosani.