

Broadband Commission
September 26, 2022 6PM via Zoom
Regular Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: Chair John Morosani called the regular meeting to order at 6:04 PM. Present were John Bongiorno, Erich Marriott, Steve Simonin, and Bruce Schnitzer.

Absent: Burke Gibney and Jeff Zullo

Approval of Minutes: Motion: John Bongiorno moved to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2022 meeting. Bruce Schnitzer seconded. All present voted aye except Erich Marriott who abstained because he was not at the previous meeting, and the motion carried.

Old Business: John Morosani reported that the Town of Litchfield has made out a check for Soundworks that is awaiting Denise's signature. Once Soundworks gets the money, they will order the equipment for the three firehouses and the Town Hall. Soundworks estimated that it would take 4-6 weeks to get the hardware in, although they said that they might start the cabling work earlier.

New Business: John Morosani reported that he had made a request to the Town for the second round of ARPA funding in the amount of \$73,165. \$3,165 was to cover the excess over the original \$50,000 ARPA grant received. The \$70,000 was to cover the cost of a muni wifi network on the green, Community Field, and to wire the East Litchfield Fire Department, and possibly to provide muni wifi at Bantam Falls and Wells Run Senior housing centers.

Announcements: John Morosani noted that he had seen trucks lashing fiber cables to Optimum's existing coax lines in Litchfield.

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

Next Meeting: Monday September 26, 2022 at 6 PM via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted by J. Morosani.