

Communications
Technology
Task Force

January 28, 2019

Communications Technology Task Force
3:30 p.m. – Bar Harbor Municipal Building
Final - Meeting Minutes

- 1) **Meeting called to order:** Chair Brian Booher called the meeting to order at 3:30pm. Also in attendance were Task Force members Matt Hochman, George Grohs, Stan Harmon, Steve Cornell, Josh Young and Clark Stivers. Alf Anderson from the Chamber was also in attendance.
- 2) **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of 9/17/18 were not approved since the Meeting today was not posted time so no motions could be made. Stan indicated we would approve at the next meeting.
- 3) **Adoption of Agenda:** No agenda was made.
- 4) **Cable Consortium Status Update:** Steve reported some new progress in the talks with Spectrum. They still want increased density limits as well as lease cost dollars for the use of the 2 strands of dark fiber the Town uses. Steve's focus is to get some kind of service level agreement for the fiber in the new franchise agreement.
- 5) **Regular Business:**
 - A. **Review Fiber Engineering Study Proposals:** The members had a detailed discussion of the 3 proposals submitted on January 11th. *GWI* did not follow the RFP and submitted a minimum buildout cost estimate. It was useful information but the RFP only funded the engineering study to back up a cost estimate. *Tilson* submitted a very high bid, but within the parameters of the RFP. After further discussion, by consensus the CTTF members agreed that the Town should move ahead with the bid proposal submitted by *Casco Bay Advisors, LLC*. as qualified low bidders.
 - B. **Maine Legislature Update:** Matt updated the members on pending legislation in Augusta that relates to the use of public right of way for poles, lines, etc. that may allow municipalities to run fiber on poles in the right of way with much less legal paperwork.
- 6) **Public Comment:** There were no comments from the public.
- 7) **Items for Next meeting:** There is not a meeting scheduled at this time

8) **Adjournment:**

At 4:35 pm, it was unanimously approved to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by Stan Harmon, Secretary, on 28th of January 2019.

Approved 4-29-19
Stan Harmon, Treasurer