

**Communication and Technologies Committee**  
**February 3, 2020**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 3:30 p.m. In attendance were Committee members Matt Hochman, Clark Stivers, and Todd Edgar. Staff present were Stan Harmon and Steve Cornell.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** There were no comments from the public.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** As there was no official business and only informational discussion at the last CTF meeting before it became the current Communications and Technologies Committee (CTC), minutes were not voted on.

**IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** The agenda was approved as posted.

**V. REGULAR BUSINESS:**

**A. Election of Officers**

1. Chair - George Grohs was nominated and unanimously elected chair.
2. Vice-Chair - Clark Stivers was nominated and unanimously elected vice-chair.
3. Secretary - Todd Edgar was nominated and unanimously elected secretary.

**B. Fiber Engineering Study**

The committee reviewed the *Bar Harbor Municipal Fiber Design Project* document prepared by Casco Bay Advisors, LLC, individually before the meeting. Steve Cornell presented an overview of the document and explained that the committee has been asked to provide the town its recommendations. After discussion, the committee developed consensus recommending the fiber build out per the plan and identified the need to talk with Casco Bay Advisors about gathering additional information on the optional considerations described in the plan including the Bar Harbor Road / Eden Street NetworkMaine fiber lease, acquisition of the Duck Brook fiber from Spectrum, collaboration with the Town of Mount Desert, and possible public/private partnership with interested ISPs or fiber providers. Steve Cornell also mentioned gauging interest from private entities who could benefit from access to this fiber infrastructure including Ocean Properties, Witham Hotels, and Acadia Shops. Next steps are for Steve Cornell and Todd Edgar to schedule a conference call with Brian Leopold of Casco Bay Advisors. The committee will then draft a recommendation for review at their next meeting.

**C. Meeting Schedule**

The next meeting of the CTC will be on Monday, March 9, 2020, at 3:30 p.m. Starting in May, meetings will generally be on the third Monday of each month at 3:30 or 4 p.m., depending on availability of members. As the third Monday in April is Patriots Day and the town offices are closed, another April meeting date will be selected at the next committee gathering.

**VI. OTHER BUSINESS:** No other business was discussed.

**VII. COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:** No comments or requests for future agenda items were made.

**VIII. ADJOURN:** At 4:57 pm, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Todd Edgar, Secretary, on February 5, 2020.
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