

Communication and Technologies Committee
March 15, 2021
Meeting Minutes

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 3:34 p.m. In attendance were Committee members George Grohs, Matt Hochman, Clark Stivers, and Todd Edgar. Staff present was Steve Cornell.
- II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** There were no comments from the public.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the Communications and Technologies Committee on February 22, 2021, were unanimously approved.
- IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** The agenda was unanimously approved as posted.
- V. REGULAR BUSINESS:**
 - A. Fiber Optic Build - Warrant Approval and Next Steps**
 1. The committee reviewed next steps regarding the fiber project. A draft bond request has been prepared by Stan Harmon, should the proposal be approved. Casco Bay Advisors, LLC, continues to explore vendor and partnership opportunities including a recent reply from Axiom Technologies. Also, Mount Desert did obtain approval to build their network near the high school, which means that, assuming this project moves forward, there could be a connection between the two towns.
 2. The Annual Open Town Meeting is scheduled for June 1, 2021. Clark Stivers recommended that the committee reach out to the Mount Desert Islander in case they would like to review any information pertaining to the fiber project in advance of the June town meeting. Previously, Ninah Gile (ngile@mdislander.com) has inquired about such an opportunity. Clark will contact Ninah and gauge interest.
 - B. Broadband News & Discussion**
 1. The committee discussed the need to document future options so they are available for the planning department and consideration as part of the town's comprehensive plan.
 2. George Grohs will be forwarding a partner possibility for Brian Lippold of Casco Bay Advisors, LLC, to follow up on.
- VI. OTHER BUSINESS:** The next meeting of the CTC will be on Monday, April 26, 2021, at 3:30 p.m.
- VII. COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:** No comments or requests for future agenda items were made.

VIII. ADJOURN: At 4:15 pm, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Todd Edgar, Secretary, on April 4, 2021.