

Communication and Technologies Committee
October 18, 2021
Meeting Minutes

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 3:31 p.m. In attendance were committee members Clark Stivers, Matt Hochman, and Todd Edgar. Staff present was Steve Cornell.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the Communications and Technologies Committee on August 23, 2021, were unanimously approved.
- III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** The agenda was unanimously approved as posted.

IV. REMOTE PARTICIPATION POLICY:

Chairperson Clark Stivers called for any input from the public concerning the committee's potential adoption of the remote participation policy. There was none. Matt Hockman made the motion that the committee accept the remote participation policy. Clark Stivers seconded. Acceptance of the remote participation policy was unanimously accepted.

V. REGULAR BUSINESS:

A. Update on RFP for Fiber Project

The committee was updated on proposals for the Bar Harbor fiber project from Spectrum/Charter, Supply Solutions, and Consolidated Communications. Brian Lippold continues to speak with vendors. Finalists will be announced next week.

Steve Cornell and Todd Edgar shared their experience attending a meeting of the Hancock County Broadband Initiative. This effort is at an earlier project phase (data collection) and has \$5.3 million dollars in funding.

B. AV Equipment for Council Chambers

The committee toured the council chambers and reviewed the three proposed options with Steve Cornell. Steve explained his rationale for recommending option 3 (projector, one 150" screen, one 100" screen, and HDMI switcher). Matt Hockman made a motion that the committee recommend option 3. Clark Stivers seconded. The motion was unanimously accepted.

- VI. PUBLIC COMMENT:** There were no comments from the public.

VII. COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

After the announcement of the finalists for the Bar Harbor fiber project, the committee is asked to review the proposals and be prepared to speak about those at the next meeting.

Brian Lippold will be asked to join the committee at our December gathering in order to provide his perspective and entertain questions.

Matt Hockman will check with the town council about available funding and interest in additional upgrades to the broadcast system.

The committee will meet next on Monday, December 20, at 3:30 p.m.

VIII. ADJOURN: At 4:37 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Todd Edgar, Secretary, on November 15, 2021.
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