

Broadband Study Committee (BSC) Meeting Notes

Date: May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

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The meeting was held virtually, on Zoom.

Committee Members Present: Sean Powers, Bob Espindola, Tom McAfee (part time)

Committee Members Absent: Sean Daly, Cathy Melanson, Alysa Botelho

Town Staff Present: Derek Frates.

Consultants Present

Entry Point -Jeff Christensen, Devin Cox

FAIRHAVEN,  
MASS.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM.

A quorum of Broadband Study Committee members was not present so there were not votes taken and the meeting was considered informational.

There was a general discussion about the articles and motions for Town Meeting and the Special Legislation file that Bond Counsel and Town Counsel have prepared.

It was noted that Town Meeting members will not be asked anything related to borrowing, they will just be asked, in addition to the Municipal Light article, to vote on whether to send a request for Special Legislation that would then allow, after a future vote of 2/3rds of Town Meeting members, to consider borrowing.

Jeff Christensen reviewed a memo from David Robinson of Lewis, Young, Robertson & Burningham. The memo showed a number of Massachusetts communities who have established MLP's and the type of borrowing and security used for their capital projects.

Bob Espindola pointed out that the next BSC meeting will be about one month before Town Meeting and he suggested the Committee prepare written materials and possibly a video to be ready for Precinct meeting at least and then for any written material to be available at the entrance tables at Town Meeting.

There was further conversation about meeting with Josh Eichen, from Mass Broadband Institute and the hope of meeting with him to learn more about the potential grant opportunities.

Jeff Christensen indicated that he would send notes about the guidelines provided by MBI during their meeting with New Bedford.

Jeff and Bob will be meeting with Gayle Huntress from Shutesbury, regarding their established MLP to see what they can learn that might help Fairhaven.

There was a discussion about how the website could be updated leading up to Town Meeting.

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The next meeting of the BSC meeting will be Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, pending confirmation of availability of the committee members not present at this meetig

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 P.M.

Meeting notes submitted by Bob Espindola