

**New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Minutes of the Meeting of the Broadband Committee
Remote Zoom Meeting
November 18, 2020 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.**

Present:

Committee Members: William Darcy, Dan Senie, Leo Dwyer, Tom Mongeon, Alana Albee, Carolyn Kedersha, Jeff Morrill

Other board members: Brenda Boisvert

NHEC Employees: Steve Camerino, Geoff Ziminsky, Drew Dunagin, Jim Bakas, Mike Licata and Edee Murphy (recording)

Others Present: Bob Cruickshank (Contractor), Mark Dean-NHEC Counsel, Mike Reed (Mission Broadband), John Dougherty (Mission Broadband)

Chair Dwyer called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m., mentioning that the order of the agenda will be changed somewhat, calling for a CARES update as the first item of discussion.

Mr. Bakas reported that the broadband project is on track and progressing well in the field with poles and wires.

Mr. Dougherty commented that the “core” of the project is ready to go.

Mr. Licata spoke about the ribbon cutting/tying event; planning continues for the event. He mentioned that NHEC employee Andrew Bennett will be filming the event, however, it will not be live-streamed due to technical challenges. He also mentioned that he is waiting to hear from the governor’s office as to which date the governor may be available for the event, mostly likely to be held at the firehouse in Lempster. There was discussion that the virtual hybrid approach will be beneficial in that the recorded video can be “blasted” to several interested parties/advocates.

Mr. Cruickshank mentioned he is reviewing a press release as well as an NHEC newsletter article regarding his hiring.

Mr. Licata reviewed marketing materials and mailings relating to broadband service.

Mr. Cruickshank spoke of several items including the importance of transparency with the public regarding timelines/availability of service to members/customers.

The committee discussed that branding should be addressed perhaps in the next meeting.

Mr. Dunagin mentioned that hopefully next week he will have a draft budget prepared.

Upon motion by Ms. Darcy, seconded by Ms. Kedersha, it was:

VOTED: That the committee go into executive session at 10:57 a.m. for the purpose of discussing confidential commercial information, matters protected by federal law and contract negotiation.

The vote was unanimous.

The committee came out of executive session at 11:30 a.m.

Adjournment

Chair Dwyer adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.