

Johnson Broadband Committee Minutes

March 13, 2019

Attendees: Charles Gallanter, Rob Rodriguez, Barry Cohen, Una Lee, Robin Story (minutes taker)

Actions Taken:

Election of Officers:

Chair: Charlie Gallanter

Co-Chair: Rob Rodriguez

Minutes-taker: Charlotte Weber (volunteered, elected in absentia)

Discussion of options for providing broadband to Johnson community, specifically to areas of Johnson not currently serviced by Comcast and how that might be best accomplished including

- 1) Different Broadband technologies and their effectiveness and relative cost (wireless, cable, fiber)
- 2) Possibility of partnering with an existing service provider to bring Fiber into Johnson
- 3) Creating a town-run Fiber ISP relying on existing town infrastructure
- 4) Partnering with neighboring communities to create a fiber district

Tasks:

Una Lee to draft a survey to solicit current coverage and potential market base.

Barry Cohen to provide town map with 911 addresses to establish boundary of Comcast services

Rob Rodriguez to set up meeting with Mansfield Fiber to discuss expansion into Johnson

Charles Gallanter to discuss expansion into Johnson with Stowe cable

Robin Story to set up blog on Wordpress to allow team to communicate publicly without relying on email

(note – After meeting was adjourned it was discovered that a blog is not a way to communicate publicly and stay within compliance of open meeting law, however clarification was also received regarding the use of email to coordinate email and share—but not discuss—documents for future meetings. This has rendered the creation of a blog unnecessary)