



Call to Order: by Chair, Nate House at 5:32pm

Present: Chair Nate House, Bill Soares, Marty Welt, and Tina Streker

Absent: Dick Spear, Select Board Liaison

Guests: Marianne Pinkham, Nobleboro

Appointment of a Scribe & Quorum Present

Minutes from March 13 and April 17th approved with corrections.

Committee Reports:

- A. Financial Report – No changes reported or aware of at this time.
- B. Select Board Update – Chair Nate House summarized select board presentation.
- C. New Technologies – China new on the scene of low orbital satellites.
- D. Digital Equity – Nothing new to report – see below..
- E. Broadband Happenings – Discussion of recent fiber connections in our region.
- F. Additional Updates and Gleanings of Interest –.

Old Business:

Brief discussion of digital equity, and agenda item of NBBC digital equity brochure during May's meeting. NBBC members to reach out and seek additional members.

New Business:

– Officers from NBBC were voted on and approved unanimously: Nate House, Chair; Bill Soares, Vice Chair; and Tina Streker, Secretary.

– NBBC recommendation is for Nobleboro and Lincoln County Commissioner ARPA funds to be held for the next round of funding. During an informal/impromptu meeting with Randal Manning and Jim Corbett of Tidewater Telcom, it was explained to NBBC Vice Chair Bill Soares that Nobleboro will be #1 in the Tidewater Telcom priority in the next round of funding. Tidewater Telcom stated that they will be working with additional

strategies to assist in ensuring that Nobleboro would be approved during the next round of broadband grant funding. Mr. Manning revealed that there are additional possibilities to favor Nobleboro in the future, including BEAD (Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program) funding coming to the state.

Next NBBC Meeting - Monday, May 15, 2023 at 5:30 PM via Zoom.

Meeting Adjourned by at 6:09pm

Written and Submitted By:

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