



**Call to Order:** by Chair, Nate House at 5:33pm

**Present:** Chair Nate House, Bill Soares, Bob O'Brien and Tina Streker

**Absent:** Marty Welt; and Dick Spear, Select Board Liaison

**Guest:** Kendra Jo Grindle, Maine Connectivity Authority (MCA); and Mary Ellen Barnes, Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission (LCRPC).

**Appointment of a Scribe & Quorum Present**

**Minutes from June 19th meeting approved.**

**Committee Reports:**

- A. Financial Report – No changes reported or aware of at this time.
- B. Select Board Update – Approved Robert (Bob) Obrien to join the committee.
- C. New Technologies – Nothing new at this time.
- D. Digital Equity – MCA developing a Digital Equity Plan for Maine.
- E. Broadband Happenings – Maine allotments and areas in the mid-coast..
- F. Additional Updates and Gleanings of Interest – Broadband and fiber future for Nobleboro.

**Old Business:**

- Digital Literacy tri-fold approved and committee agreed to wait on additional links Mary Ellen will provide. Committee to test links and provide to the Town office to add on the Broadband Committee launch page.
- Nate will contact Randal and discuss proceeding forward, to include applying for the Connect the Ready (CTR) grant. There will not be another Reach Me grant this year. We will work with LCRPC and MCA to leverage current ARPA funds to meet town priorities.

**New Business:**

- Bob O'Brien will go to town office to complete necessary broadband committee paperwork.
- Kendra Jo presented topics including FCC data maps; BEAD funding for use following ARPA timelines at the end of 2024; collaboration/deal brokering with towns and ISPs; and CTR grant program for information and discussion.
- Mary Ellen spoke to how the LCRPC will work in the fair and equitable distribution of LCRPC ARPA funds to best align with Lincoln County town's needs.
- NBBC to discuss development of prioritization of Town Broadband needs and goals with Town officials and selectmen.

**Next NBBC Meeting - Monday, August 21st, 2023 at 5:30 PM via Zoom.**

**Meeting Adjourned**

**Written and Submitted By: Tina Streker, NBBC**