



Call to Order by Chair, Peter Gabbe at 7:00 pm

Nate House Appointed Secretary for the June 20, 2022 NBBC meeting

Present: Chair Peter Gabbe, Nate House, Marianne Pinkham, Bill Silver, Bill Soros, Dean Levy, Tina Streker and Marty Welt

Absent: Dick Spear, Select Board Liaison

Quorum Present

Tina Streker will be an official member of the committee as soon as she is approved by the select board

Minutes from the June 20, 2022 meeting of the NBBC approved as presented

Old Business

- ✎ **Treasury Report** - No changes to funds since the NBBC's last meeting, balance \$9,927.
- ✎ **Engineering Study** - See Tidewater information below.
- ✎ **Digital Literacy and Equity** - Digital equity is important, selectman feel strongly regarding lower income residents not getting left out. <https://www.mainebroadbandcoalition.org/equity>
- ✎ **New Technologies and Industry Trends:** Marty Welt reported on progress that satellite internet providers were having launching more satellites. Lightspeed (Telesat low orbit satellites) plans to have their service available this year. In general satellite internet is an excellent solution if one has a clear view of the sky without trees. Unfortunately, not many residents of Nobleboro fit these criteria.
- ✎ **Grant Considerations** – <https://www.maineconnectivity.org/news> and <https://www.maineconnectivity.org/events> plus <https://www.maineconnectivity.org/news>
- ✎ **Grant Considerations** - Maine Connectivity Authority Grants (MCA) <https://www.maineconnectivity.org/all-in> Tidewater is currently considering which towns it will be supporting with grant applications. They want to maximize their success in grant

matches and are looking for how to achieve that. We did briefly revisit the question of working more closely with Newcastle and Damariscotta, but nothing was decided. Tidewater leadership will be meeting with Andrew Butcher of Maine Connectivity Authority for an update on the authority's grant making strategy

New Business:

- 💡 **Statues and Future of Nobleboro's BBC:** Discussion ensued on the committee's direction beyond obtaining grants for infrastructure development and it was decided we should now be developing an educational program for the benefit of our residents outlining internet service options as well as phone and entertainment options. A void of provider marketing has led to a fair amount of confusion and excessive monthly fee payments. There is also a need for clarity on digital literacy issues.
- 📄 **ACTION:** Bill Soros with Marty Welt's help will put together a matrix showing internet and application options for town residents and resultant costs.

Old Business:

NBBC Officer Nominations and Elections

- 😊 The following committee members were nominated to lead the NBBC form August 2022 – July 2023:
 - Chair – Nate House
 - Vice Chair – Bill Soros
 - Scribe – Tina Streker.
- 😊 Elections will take place at the NBC's August 15, 2022 meeting

Additional Updates and other discussions

 None

Between Meeting Committee Member Assignments and Tasks

- 📄 Refer to the Action statement above.

Next NBBC Meeting – Monday, August 15, 2022, 2022 at 7:00 PM in the Community Meeting Room at the Nobleboro Town Office so that the new digital meeting equipment can be utilized. If the media room equipment is not fully functional the August meeting will take place via Zoom

Motion to adjourn made by Marty Welt. Seconded by Nate House. All in favor

Meeting Adjoined at 8:30 PM.

