

 <p>NOBLEBORO BROADBAND COMMITTEE CONNECTING COMMUNITY</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Town of Nobleboro Broadband Committee Regular Monthly Meeting Monday, August 22, 2022 – 7:00 PM Via Zoom</b></p>
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**Call to Order** by Chair, Peter Gabbe at 7:00pm

**Present:** Chair Peter Gabbe, Nate House, Marianne Pinkham, Bill Silver, Bill Soares, Marty Welt and Tina Streker

**Absent:** Dick Spear, Select Board Liaison

Quorum Present

**Minutes from the July 25, 2022 meeting of the NBBC approved as presented**

**Committee Reports:**

- A. Treasury – No changes to funds since the NBBC’s last meeting.
- B. Select Board Update – Richard Powell assured 50K set aside
- C. New Technologies – Starlink Hacked; New Starlink satellites.
- D. Grants and Funding – Upcoming opportunities with Maine the Connectivity Authority (MCA)) in the October thru November 2022 timeframe; Possible Mane Community Foundation Funding/digital equity and education. 1.5 million Approved for Broadband by the Lincoln County Commissioners

**Old Business:**

Tidewater Response – Alan Hinsey stated no decision at this time. He met with incoming MCA director, Andrew Butcher and confirmed that the State is contributing up to 150 million dollars toward the current round of broadband grant finding. This amount will be followed in February 2023 (?Parts A and B). Several pots aka pools of funding including Connect the Ready, Reach ME and 30 million For connecting the middle mile.

**Presentation of Educational Program Outline and Matrix:**

Bill Soares presented his vision including elements Coverage, Technical Data, Education, Funding, and Information. Discussion surrounding how to market, reach and teach our citizens including awareness of importance of digital equity access to high-speed internet (fiber), access to devices and digital literacy to impact optimal quality of

life and community participation (education, employment, healthcare, civic engagement, recreation/entertainment)

**Election of 2022 – 2023 Officers** – Voted and approved unanimously

- 👉 Chairperson – Nate House
- 👉 Vice Chairperson – Bill Soars
- 👉 Secretary – Scribe – Tina Streker

**New Business and Passing of the Gavel:**

Nate House finished meeting as the NBBC's newly elected Chair

Update of and encouragement of community to read and come out in support of the Town of Nobleboro's 2021 – 2022 Comprehensive Plan Update at the Public Hearing on Monday, September 12, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the community meeting room at the Town Office to hear public comment on the Town of Nobleboro's proposed 2021 - 2022 Comprehensive Plan Update

**Next NBBC Meeting:**

**Monday, September 19, 2022 at Nobleboro Town Office Community Room. If desired the general public will be able to attend via a Zoom link.**