**01 February 2019**

Location: Harbor House – Blue Hill

In Attendance – Butler Smythe, Joel Katz, Jim Fisher, Henry Teverow, Abbie McMillan

Opening Remarks – 1) Google contacts for email were not complete and some names have been missing for some time. Please send Butler a list of email addresses for those you want in your town committee to get the PUB specific emails. We were missing Brooklin and Stonington at least.

2) PUB Letter may not be the direction we want to go, as there is no intent on opening up a PUC case and we have no work before that body. Need to discuss further

3) If any committee wants a town page on the PUB Site Butler can make that happen and show you how to access it and update it. It’s very easy.

**Agenda**

Couple Items to discuss.

1. Town Updates –
   1. Brooklin – Details will hopefully come from Bill at a later meeting, but CCI and Brooklin are talking about additional fiber on the road to support the expansion of RTs in the town.
   2. Blue Hill - Premium Choice still not off BH tower, but will leave. Do not know who is moving on but think it may be US Cellular. Town Assessment/Map is being worked on. Had very good meeting with CCI that provided updated info on their plans in BH. CAF II funding is NOT going to support what they originally proposed on the East Blue Hill Rd. It appears that is now for an RT on the Mines Rd - but empty at this point. Intent of report is to make the assessment similar to Axiom document, but without costs. Met with Neo Partners online and got a demo of their program. Near Term opportunity for Deer Isle. We now have our first student member of the Committee.
   3. Penobscot – Presented with Axiom and got Selectmen “approval” for new warrant to add to a fund for Broadband. Amount somewhere around $10,000 but may ask for more. Castine-Patriot report on meeting had been emailed to group. Having a meeting on 7 Feb with Matrix who popped up at the meeting to propose covering almost 2.5 million of costs for the town. Meeting will clarify. Overall cost is tough for the town.
   4. Stonington – Working as a larger group makes the individual towns efforts more cost effective. Despite having several meetings to discuss, the cost is still a big detractor for Stonington. Axiom has not presented a collective assessment but it may be possible to do.
   5. Brooksville – Grant for $15,000 received (Internet Literacy Related). No specific expenditures planned yet. Looking at computers and library needs as well but appears OK. No Hotspots. PUC meeting held for connectivity related shortfalls. McMillans met with Chellie Pingree to talk about Broadband issues.
   6. Sedgwick – Not in attendance
   7. Deer Isle – Received $15,000 Grant (planning related) and RFP has not been initiated yet. Looking for more information in report that would address implementation priority and planning.
   8. Castine- Not in attendance
2. ConnectMe Data Collection/Verification
   1. Opportunity to validate some information but generally the info provided is the MAX available, not what people pay for. Butler to resend Excel File to all - that is can now enable you to select your town (Database). This is the Hancock County file. Brook Johnson is managing the effort and there is an online link that was posted in the Ellsworth American – (Butler had resent Link out). Survey data collected can be impacted by the same collection disparity leading to false information.
3. Letters to Committees for Broadband Related Bills – Butler sent supporting letters for Blue Hill and PUB – for all Three of the Bills LD 31, LD 143, LD 173. Will send copies to those requesting what he’d sent (Brooksville and Deer-Isle).
4. Public Relations and the Web Site (some ideas)
   1. Do you want your own page? No interest noted.
5. PUC Letter review and effort?
   1. Can be part of the “What have we done lately? “ - Not discussed
6. Neighborly Broadband – Impressions, etc.
   1. Not everyone has participated
7. Next Gen Cities – Join….? – To join the town has to sign up with a simple letter. There is no cost. Question was raised about what does it get you. Leverage and possible additional access – something to assess if you can get your town to participate. PUB can’t join as an entity. Penobscot has apparently joined. No other intentions noted.
8. What have you learned lately – **Millimeter Wave Spectrum** <https://potsandpansbyccg.com/2019/01/24/the-physics-of-millimeter-wave-spectrum/>

There are FAKE sites out there and many are poking at 5G. The site above is not one of those and can help to ID those that are. We are not on the short list for 5G – not even close.

**OTHERS**

1. Next Meeting – 0800 1 March, Location: TBD Confirmation (Butler confirming with Brooklin for that).

You need to look at these sites!

**On 5G – The competition and Pricing/Capacity Wars**

<https://potsandpansbyccg.com/2019/01/28/how-can-cable-fight-5g/>

**FCC Data Vs. Microsoft who is right – or wrong - or are they both?**

[**https://news.microsoft.com/rural-broadband/**](https://news.microsoft.com/rural-broadband/)

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<https://blogs.microsoft.com/uploads/prod/sites/5/2018/12/MSFT-Airband_InteractivePDF_Final_12.3.18.pdf>