**12 June 2020**

**Location: Zoom Conference Call**

**Attendees:** Butler Smythe,Jim Fisher, Robert Publicover, Doug Cowan, Brian DeFiore, Hannah Barrows, Kathleen Billings, Henry Teverow, Bill Cohen

Overview/Comments: We had a short meeting that specifically addressed the upcoming election and some other item of interest. Thanks to Jim Fisher for putting most of this together.

Please note (and I BOLDED) a request to help financially support the work to get the word out ot every vote in the state – DONATIONS are VERY Welcome.

1. **Promotion of Broadband Referendum:**

* Get out the vote
* Absentee Ballots - remind people that mail is slow and late ballots cannot be counted
* AARP is filming people (including Jim Fisher) to talk about the importance of broadband
* Virtual town hall meeting Monday - Hannah will send an announcement (Butler will forward the same).
* **From Hannah Barrows to Everyone**:  <https://betterinternetformaine.org/>

(This is the signup for the Town Hall) Jun 15, 2020 3:00PM <https://bernsteinshur.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_AW2WevbeRBWcA6e78itAOQ?utm_source=Yes+on+1+Broadband+Campaign+List&utm_campaign=cd75efada2-EMAIL_broadband_bond_workshop_04_16_20_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_c58126c9d2-cd75efada2-290565374&mc_cid=cd75efada2&mc_eid=351e4a317e>

1. **Census - Doug Cowan**

* June 25 - Three census workers will be on the peninsula to assist people filling out the census. Also want seasonal residents to fill them out. The seasonal form is a little buggy. PLEASE fill out yours or do it on line.

1. **Access on existing systems**

* Distance from DSLAMs, RTs, etc. – CCI is pushing the distance for “good” service
* Capacity of DSLAMs, RTs, etc. – CCI is not building RTs or upgrading Central Offices to support the served population.
* Brooklin Contract (from Bill Cohen) - Consolidated agreed in the contract to expand capacity when required
  + Demand has exceeded expectations
  + Pandemic has slowed the installation time - goal is 10 days

1. **School/Student broadband services**

* Still interested in knowing the level of service for students (I.e. survey previously provided)
* Butler will continue to seek information with Union 93, GSA and Harbor and Bay Schools

1. **Deer Isle**

* Fiberoptic mapping project stalled over splicing plan
* Meeting today with Biarri and Vetro to resolve data problems

1. **Stonington**

* Discussing improving DSL with CCI but have an RT that isn’t working correctly - costly repair - that is limiting total capacity.
* Deer Isle has four that aren’t working correctly.

**OTHERS**

1. Next Meeting – 0800 10 July via **Zoom**  (TBD)

Will query whether to meet in July or wait till 14 August