

Minutes

Broadband Working Group July 7, 2022. 3:00 PM

Present: Martha Howell, Denise Dalton-Rule, Nancy Harrison, Janet Weston

- I. Reviewed and approved minutes of last meeting, June 2
- II. Funding
 - Discussed timing and rates concerns for grant (Sept) and Maine Bond Bank (August or Spring) and Line of Credit. The permission for applying is on the warrant for the town meeting, so we need to get organized around that.
- III. Survey
 - Current status report—Denise filled us in. The planned end date is July 11 with the drawing for gift cards on the 19th. So far we have 135 responses which LCOC says is an excellent response. We hope to get closer to 200. The only way we can know where responders live will be those who complete the information for the drawing.
 - How can we get further information from those out of town and from Summer people? Tell friends and others to complete the survey. Hand out hard copies. Have the web address for the town ready to give people.
- IV. June and July Informational Meeting
 - Discussed turn out and format of June meeting, which was deemed successful. Mark and Howard were on Zoom and that worked OK. Plan to do roughly the same format in July, though having Mark in person would be good.
 - Discussed contacts to be made for July meeting and how we can start taking the information to specific groups. Let's reach out to interest groups in town to offer to visit their meetings. Groups: Lions (Doyle or Day), Masons (C. Moore), Legion (G. Eaton), Medical Center (R. Quirk), Library (N. Briggs or K. Jans)
 - Distributed posters for July. Water Street, LCOC, McFaddens, Town Office, IGA
- V. Due diligence calls to other Axiom customers
 - Discussed response from Axiom to Renee's request- Martha to follow up with Mark on Friday about the types of loans or taxpayer funding in the towns listed.
 - Discussed briefly also about getting more financial background on Axiom.

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- Discussed and assigned calls to be made to Axiom customers. Great list of questions for script from Ben. We discussed issues and added some framework to the questions.
- Towns to be called:
 - Nancy Harrison will call Arrowsic and Cranberry Isles
 - Denise Dalton-Rule will call Chebeague Island and Georgetown
 - Rachel Rubeor will call Isle au Haut and Monhegan Island
 - Martha Howell will call Leeds and Southport
 - Renee Gray will call Roque Bluffs
 - Ben Levek will call Sommerville and Washington

VI. Next meeting

- August 4 at 3PM