



Town of Lyndeborough Broadband/Cyber Security Committee Citizens' Hall, 9 Citizens' Hall Road

Monday, April 4, 2022 Meeting Minutes - 6:45 p.m. at Citizen's Hall Road

- I. **Call to Order at 7:04 p.m.**
- II. **Introduction of members present: Chair Lisa Post, Mike Ducubellis, Lesmary Ebert, Arthur Napolitano.**
- III. **Appointments: 7:05 p.m. Bryan Christiansen, Sr. Mgr. Gov't & Regulatory Affairs, Comcast**

Bryan provided maps of the 60 homes that are included in their plan to provide high-speed internet service in the North Lyndeborough area. He indicated that there was little "make-ready work" which allowed them to stay within the price point we were looking at and proposed a partnership between the Town and Comcast. We discussed several different options: the Town could utilize their ARPA funds or grant funds in a Partnership between Comcast the Town, a possible pay-back over time scenario for the 60 homes or the three-party model of Comcast, Town and State with the funding from the Federal Government. With the two-party model, the anticipated time for the work to be completed is six months. In addition, a Cable Franchise Agreement must be signed before work can be started. With the three-party Partnership there will be undeterminable delays with the State funding distribution, RFP's would have to be applied for, in addition, JALCAR will have to set the rules in June which creates additional delays and unknowns.

We were unable to discuss the financials as Comcast was not prepared to disclose information in a public forum, however, the numbers were provided in a private conversation with a board member Michael Ducubellis.
- IV. **Community Forum and Public Comment:** Jason & Johanna Batchelder on Center Road do not have any service at all and TDS is unable to solve the issue and is not confident that they will be able to get Broadband internet. Ron & Danielle Grogris who live across from the Batchelder's had to have two separate services installed in order to get a 3% upload speed and are paying double for inferior service. Mike Kaply, currently building a home on Curtis Brook is optimistic that he will be able to get service from Center Road and expects the TDS Representative at his home next week and will update the committee on if and when they will be able to provide service. In response to the public's questions, Lesmary explained that 94% of the town has should have service completed by spring and 6% of homes will be wired and should be completed by December 2022.
- V. **Discussion:** In response to the public's questions, Lesmary explained she is in contact with TDS and indicated that 94% of the town should have service completed by spring and 6% of homes will be wired and should be completed by December 2022.
- VI. **Action Items:**
 - a. Discuss with T/A Boland. Contact Comcast to discuss Town costs and options. Present to Select Board.
 - b. Review and approve February 21st minutes.

Motion made by Lesmary Ebert, Seconded by Art Napolitano to accept the February 21, 2022 Meeting Minutes as written. Voting: All Ayes. Motion passed.

- VII. **Adjournment: 8:15 p.m.**

Motion made by Lesmary Ebert, Seconded by Michael Decubellis to adjourn the meeting. Voting: All Ayes. Motion passed.

Next Meeting: To be Scheduled