

Meeting Minutes for Cornish Broadband Committee -amended and approved-1/10/2023.

Chairman: Mike Fuerst

Date: January 3, 2023

Time: 5:30 pm

Cornish Elementary School

Townhouse Rd.

Cornish, NH 03745

Attendees: Mike Fuerst, Cris Hiatt (by zoom-illness), Steve Jameson, Shelley Brookings, Nelly Palmer, Kevin Noble, Corey Fitch.

Absent-Mitch Davis

Motion to adopt Dec 14. 2022 minutes by Shelley, seconded by Steve, passed unanimously.

A report was made by the Survey sub-committee regarding the analysis of the survey results and the outline of the sub-committee's section of the final report to the Selectmen.

Reviewed survey results. 278 responses.

Only 28% had download speeds of 100 Mbps or better of those who reported download speeds.

58% use for video conferencing

68% have poor cell reception.

Discussion of the FCC Broadband Mapping Initiative. There is an opportunity to challenge the accuracy of information on the map by any residence or business. The committee will confirm the date that the challenge period expires and may post a notice on Connect Cornish and possibly set up a table at town meeting to assist residents to review and update their information on the map.

The Committee discussed its concern that some of the identified NH Elec Co-op customers slated for fiber upgrade under the Co-op's grant from the State are addresses already covered by Comcast. So the total number of households which will benefit from the Co-op's grant may actually be less than reported. The Committee may contact the Co-op regarding this issue. Should the Selectmen consider appointing an individual as liaison with the various ISPs receiving grants for upgrading Broadband in Cornish to address issues such of these going forward?

The remaining sections of the final report will be made available for review by the Committee before the next scheduled meeting, so that the report can be submitted to the Selectmen by 1/15/2023.

The next meeting will be Tuesday January 10, 2023, at 5:30 PM at the Cornish Elementary School Library.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 PM.