

## Meeting Minutes for Cornish Broadband Committee -draft

Date: September 25, 2023

Time: 5:30 pm

Cornish Town Offices

Townhouse Rd.

Cornish, NH 03745

Attendees: Mike Fuerst, Shelley Brookings, Kevin Noble, Corey Stevens, Jessica Butell, Jason Bourne  
Absent-, Steve Jameson

In attendance: Rep. William Palmer, Norm Yanofsky, Felicia Varney, Peter Martin, Town of Plainfield designated broadband representative.

Attending by Zoom- Hub66- Michael Mateja

The meeting opened at 5:31PM.

The meeting started with a Zoom conference with representatives of Hub66.

The committee explained to HUB 66 our interest in partnering with an ISP to apply for BMGI grant funds. Hub 66 is interested in filing an application for BMGI funding which would include Cornish and the Town of Plainfield HUB 66 will be picking up the 25% match required by the grant, so the municipalities will have no financial obligation for the match. HUB 66 indicated that it intended to provide fiber coverage to the entire Town, run approximately 46 miles of fiber and would prioritize the unserved and underserved addresses in town. The committee noted that the NH BEA is encouraging that BMGI applications include multiple municipalities. HUB 66 currently has set up networks in Enfield and Bristol and is working with Grantham and Barrington and other communities in NH.

A letter was emailed to the committee by Comcast just before the meeting expressing interest in filing an application with Cornish.

The committee noted that the application submission date was coming soon (October 20, 2023). The committee asked for additional information from HUB 66 and would send a follow up letter specifying the information the committee felt it needed to make a decision.

A similar letter was to be sent to TDS and to Comcast. The committee reviewed the draft of the letter to be sent to the ISPs.

Kevin will finalize and email the letters which will go TDS, HUB 66 and Comcast.

Corey Stevens will contact references for HUB 66

Mike will update the Selectmen.

Motion to adopt the August 28, 2023, minutes by Shelley, seconded by Kevin, passed.

Next meeting on Wednesday, October 4 at 5:30 PM

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM.