

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

NOVEMBER 21, 2016

MEMORIAL BUILDING

3:00 P.M.

The following are to be considered draft minutes only until approved by the Board at their next meeting.

Selectmen present: Don Hill, Chairman; Leigh Callaway and Tamara Butcher.

Others: Brian Foucher, President, and Kate Albert, Sales Manager for Wi-Valley Fiber; Joyce Guinther, Art Bobruff, and Barbara Cooper, Library Trustees.

The meeting began at 3:00 p.m.

Board reviewed Fast Roads has equipment stored in the town office building that connects fiber optic cable along some main corridors from the Upper Valley to the Keene area. There is a fiber line already strung to this building. Leigh reported the office is no longer under contract with Fairpoint for voice and internet service. He reviewed cost comparisons between Fairpoint and Wi-Valley. The hope is to bring fiber optic to the town office, the library and the fire department.

Kate and Brian reviewed the history of Fast Roads. Wi-Valley has a business relationship directly with Fast Roads. Fast Roads currently owns and maintains the network. NH Optical Systems is the builder of the transmission lines. Brian spoke to maintenance and reliability issues. Pricing for fiber connections was reviewed. There is an escape or "CAI" clause in the connection agreement. Barbara agreed they have patrons who could use faster and more reliable internet connection. Art noted they need to consider the benefit to cost. The library recently entered into a contract with Fairpoint. The Trustee's will need to review that.

Following discussion a motion was made by Don to approve fiber optic internet service with Wi-Valley/Fast Roads. Motion seconded by Leigh and unanimously approved.

Art noted his concern is the penalty with Fairpoint may be excessive.

Kate thought fiber optic connection could take place as soon as the week after Thanksgiving.

The Board thanked Kate and Brian for their time.

Selectmen reviewed draft policy concerning an employee/volunteer reference policy. Motion by Don to refer the language for legal review. Motion seconded by Leigh and unanimously approved.

Notice of Violation Letter was signed to M. Brunelle regarding Bowman Road property.

Board members agreed they are not in favor of renting the fire department meeting room during the time the town hall is closed, unless the renter is a member of the fire department.

The Board agreed to send a notification letter regarding building without permit to 566 Hogg Hill Road.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

Janet Roberts,
Administrative Assistant