



Carroll County Communication District (CCCD) 9/20/2023 Meeting Minutes

Location: Annex Meeting Room, Carroll County Complex, 10 County Farm Rd., Ossipee, NH 03864 Meeting was called to order by CCCD Chairperson Linda Mailhot at 10:00AM.

1. **Roll Call** – See page 3 of these minutes for the roll call list of all Governing Board Members present (P), Governing Board Members present on ZOOM (Z), and voting Governing Board Members present (P). Others on Zoom – Jeff McIver Consolidated Communications, Public – none.
NOTE: the 13 voting Governing Board Town Members present in person made a quorum.
2. **Guest Speakers – Matt Conserva, Program Manager - NH Office of Broadband Initiatives** was introduced by Chairperson Linda Mailhot to the Board and Matt proceeded to give the Board a financial update on the state of NH current capital projects of \$122M. Of that amount, 5% is allocated for administration costs (\$6M). The first RFP to spend \$50MM from the CARES Act was initiated in 2021. As a result, 48,000 unique addresses /households were targeted in the state of NH to provide them with internet service from this investment and the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative will eventually serve 23,000 of those residences. Currently, the project has an estimated cost to install per residence of \$2,000.

On September 8, 2022, the US Treasury announced the approval for an additional \$66M to the state of New Hampshire to complete the \$122M total award. Under the BMGI grant, it **provides** a state match to either an internet service provider (ISP) or New Hampshire municipality to build internet infrastructure in areas of the state that, because of their topography, location, or cost, have not been able to access broadband internet. The program is designed to provide internet service with speeds of 100/100 Mbps symmetrical to households and businesses upon project completion by December 31, 2026. Thus, it provides an opportunity for CCCD to work with Matt and our ISP partners to apply for funding to cover the unserved in Carroll County starting in 2024. Matt indicated the SEC /UNH mapping of towns by household is under way and he will provide town color maps and information by December 2023 and share with the CCCD upon completion.

Linda then introduced **Clay Purvis, Federal Program Manager for Vermont & New Hampshire – Office of Internet Connectivity and Growth of the U.S. Dept. of Commerce National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)**. Clay provided an in-depth power point presentation introducing us to the federally funded Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) grant program. Under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law passed November 15, 2021, it includes \$42.45B across America for the BEAD grant to build the infrastructure to get all of us online by funding partnerships to increase adoption of high-speed internet. By Q1-2024 an initial proposal for the NH 5-year plan to spend funds must be approved. Thus, Matt's work at the NH state level and the information from his work on the BMGI grant will dovetail into keeping an accurate record of homes served as the march to build out unserved residences and businesses in NH continues. Thus, in the coming months the CCCD board members will be working diligently to provide updated

addresses by town who are unserved or underserved as part of the information required to seek grant money on behalf of Carroll County.

3. **Minutes – the August 16, 2023 minutes were distributed to all Board Members by email in advance of the meeting. Rick Hiland motioned to approve the August 16, 2023 Meeting Minutes presented, 2nd by Jean Beadle. There was no further discussion, errors or omissions and it passed unanimously by a voice vote. (13 – 0) See vote #3 on chart below.**
4. **Treasurer’s Report – Sherryl Hitte reported CCCD checking account at Bank of NH has a starting balance of \$100 with an expenditure of \$24.28 for checks leaving a balance of \$75.72. Rick Hiland motioned to approve the Treasurer’s report, 2nd by Chuck Fuller. There was no further discussion or questions, and it passed unanimously by a voice vote. (13 – 0) See vote #4 on chart below.**
5. **Chairperson Updates – Linda Mailhot had distributed to all Board Members by email in advance of the meeting our CCCD Rules of Procedure document last month and the board members it passed unanimously by a roll call vote (13-0). See vote #5 on chart below. Rick Hiland motioned to approve the Rules of Procedure and 2nd by Chuck Fuller.**

Subcommittee Updates – discussion on various topics & issues by all subcommittee members regarding assignments:

- **Web Site Committee** – A URL of www.cccdnh.org and web site has been created, is up & running, and is updated weekly. Bill Gassman is the leader of committee.
 - **Grant Committee** - in process. Working on the upcoming BEAD and BMGI grant process and information. Chuck Fuller is the leader of committee and be the contact for all pertinent grant information from Matt and Clay
 - **Outreach/Information/Education Committee** – in process.
 - **Advocacy Committee** – Matt Plache has asked to volunteer to serve on this committee.
 - **Executive Committee** – in process
8. **Next Meeting** – October 11, 2023 at 10AM at the Carroll County Annex Meeting Room. For our annual meeting October 11, we also, scheduled Melinda Kinney, Spectrum Government Affairs.
 9. **Adjournment** – Motion to adjourn by Rick Hiland 2nd by Chuck Fuller, passed unanimously by a voice vote and the Chairperson declared the meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marshall J. Goldberg
Secretary

NOTE: Meeting attendance Roll Call and roll call votes attached below on Page 3.

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CARROLL COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT

Meeting Time:10:00 am		1	2	3	4	5	6
		Attendance	Voting Member	Minutes Approval	Treasurer Report	RULES OF PROCEDURE	ADJOURN MEETING
Rick Hiland	ALBANY	P	P	Voice	Voice	Y	Voice
? Alt	ALBANY			Vote	Vote		Vote
Jason Garber	BARTLETT	Z		Approved	Approved	Y	Approved
Vicki Garland Alt	BARTLETT			per	per		per
Marshall Goldberg	BROOKFIELD	P	P	Chair	Chair	Y	Chair
Stephen Berry - Alt.	BROOKFIELD	P					
Bert Weiss	CHATHAM	Z					
? Alt	CHATHAM						
? Rep	CONWAY						
? Alt	CONWAY						
John Border	EATON	P	P			Y	
Stanley Dudrick - Alt	EATON	Z					
Chuck Fuller	EFFINGHAM	P	P		Voice	Y	Voice
Rich Comer - Alt	EFFINGHAM	P					
Linda Mailhot	FREEDOM	P	P			Y	
Melissa Florio - Alt	FREEDOM						
Ben Klaus	HALES LOC	P	P			Y	
William Houk - Alt	HALES LOC						
John Gallagher	HARTS LOC						
David Walker Alt	HARTS LOC	P	P			Y	
Frank DiFruscio	JACKSON						
William Terry - Alt	JACKSON						
Bill Lord	MADISON	P	P			Y	
Mary Cronin - Alt	MADISON						
Bill Gassman	MOULTONBORO	P	P			Y	
Jean Beadle - Alt	MOULTONBORO	P	P	Voice			
Matt Sawyer	OSSIPEE	P	P			Y	
Matt Trahan - Alt	OSSIPEE						
Sherryl Hitte	TAMWORTH	P	P			Y	
Pam Hearne - Alt	TAMWORTH	P					
Bob Murray	TUFTONBORO	P	P			Y	
Guy Pike - Alt	TUFTONBORO						
	Present / YES	17	13	13	13	13	13
	Absent / NO	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Z = ZOOM	3					

NOTES:

Jeff McIver -
Consolidated on
Zoom