



Carroll County Communication District (CCCD) 4/16/2025 Meeting Minutes

Location: Annex Meeting Room, Carroll County Complex, 10 County Farm Rd., Ossipee, NH 03864

Meeting was called to order by CCCD Planning Committee Chair Linda Mailhot at 10:00AM.

1. **Roll Call** – Present: Rick Hiland, Vicki Garland (ZOOM), John Border, Linda Mailhot, Chuck Fuller, Rich Comer, David Walker, John Gallagher, Melissa Florio (ZOOM), Bill Lord, William Terry (ZOOM), Sherryl Hitte, Bill Gassman, Jean Beadle, Pam Hearne, Bob Murray; Others Present – Glenn Coppelman (ZOOM); Jeff McIver (CCI/FIDIUM); Matt Conserva (NH Dept. Business & Economic Affairs – Broadband Project Manager); Thea Dodds (NH Broadband/NHEC – Marketing & Community Relations Specialist); Sloane Jarell (Madison Librarian); Public – none.

NOTE: 16 Board members present in person and 3 on ZOOM and 11 of 16 Towns are represented to date with 11 present at today's meeting. See attached page 3 for roll call and votes.

2. **GUESTS:**

Jeff McIver from CCI/FIDIUM brought the Board up to date on the progress of fiber infrastructure in Carroll County which is near completed. Tamworth is 100% complete. Chatham has gone live and is complete. Work using the Grant money and investment should be completed by the end of June 2025 for all the premises described in Grant.

Matt Conserva from NH Dept. of Business & Economic Affairs - Broadband Project Manager brought the Board up to date on the status of the BEAD funding and informed us that the NTIA has put a slow down on taking applications until May 2025 with new policy and guidelines coming. FIDIUM will participate in the BEAD funding. Matt informed us that there are about 9500 premises that still considered unserved in the state with some in Carroll County. Questions & Discussion on how to get into the Boston Zone rather than the Portland ME ZONE for news and local programming.

Thea Dodds from the NHEC / NH Broadband brought the Board up to date on their progress in the state and in Carroll County with regards to their commitments in their Grants and investments. They are on schedule to finish within the Grant time table. Harts Location is still about 1 year out from being completed. Thea provided maps to show the work in their service areas.

Sloane Jarell who is the Librarian at the Madison Library at the invitation of Bill Lord discussed digital equity and issues she has experienced with the Board with all the interest in the World Wide Web / Internet especially with older folks. Issues discussed included digital education, web sites, one on one versus classroom versus self-learning on line education, educational information on web sites, available grants to help fund some on the education. Education on how to navigate the internet is a state wide problem. Matt Conserva informed the Board that the state is looking for grants to help fund this education problem and that there is an upcoming \$4.9 million grant available for implementation

planning by September 1st. Also discussed was how the CCCD could help the Libraries with the education. This is a work in progress.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of the January 15, 2025 Meeting. Motion to approve as presented with the addition of Bill Terry from Bartlett who was in attendance via ZOOM was made by Rick Hiland, 2nd by Sherryl Hitte, and was approved by a vote of 9 – 0.
4. **TREASURER’S REPORT:** Treasure’s Report was presented by Sherryl Hitte. Motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report was made by Rick Hiland, 2nd by Bill Lord, and was approved by a vote of 9 – 0.
5. **Next Meeting** – 3rd Quarter Meeting - July 16, 2025 at 10AM (3rd Wednesday) at the Carroll County Annex Meeting Room.
6. **OTHER BUSINESS:** Bill Terry discussed a comparison of the ISPs and asked the question, “Should we (CCCD) take this on as a District”? Further discussion ensued. There was also further discussion on the future roll of the CCCD going forward since the majority of the goals for forming the district have almost all been completed.

**Chair Linda Mailhot left the meeting at 11am for an appointment and the Vice Chair Pam Hearne conducted the balance of the meeting.
7. **Adjournment** – with no further business to come before the meeting, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Hiland
Recording Secretary

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

Meeting attendance Roll Call and roll call votes:

Meeting Date: April 16, 2025

			Attendance	Voting Towns	Minutes Approval Vote	Treasurer Report Vote
TBD	A	ALBANY				
Rick Hiland	V	ALBANY	P	Y	Y	Y
Jason Garber	V	BARTLETT				
Vicki Garland	A	BARTLETT	ZOOM			
Stephen Berry	A	BROOKFIELD				
Marshall Goldberg	V	BROOKFIELD				
Bert Weiss	V	CHATHAM				
TBD		CHATHAM				
TBD		CONWAY				
TBD		CONWAY				
John Border	V	EATON	P	Y	Y	Y
Stanley Dudrick	A	EATON				
Chuck Fuller	V	EFFINGHAM	P	Y	Y	Y
Rich Comer	A	EFFINGHAM	P			
Linda Mailhot	V	FREEDOM	P	Y	Y	Y
Melissa Florio	A	FREEDOM	ZOOM			
Ben Klaus	V	HALES LOC				
William Houk	A	HALES LOC				
John Gallagher	V	HARTS LOC	P	Y	Y	Y
David Walker	A	HARTS LOC	P			
Frank DiFruscio	V	JACKSON				
William Terry	A	JACKSON	ZOOM			
Bill Lord	V	MADISON	P	Y	Y	Y
Jay Buckley	A	MADISON				
Bill Gassman	V	MOULTONBORO	P	Y	Y	Y
Jean Beadle	A	MOULTONBORO	P			
Matt Sawyer Jr.	V	OSSIPEE				
Matt Trahan	A	OSSIPEE				
Sherryl Hitte	V	TAMWORTH	P	Y	Y	Y
Pam Hearne	A	TAMWORTH	P			
Bob Murray	V	TUFTONBORO	P	Y	Y	Y
TBD	A	TUFTONBORO				
		YES	16	9	9	9
		NO	-	-	0	0
		ZOOM	3			