

## E&T Committee (ETC) Meeting Minutes August 14,2019

Attendees: John Monaghan, Howard Marshall, Gary Vincent and a member of the public

### Communications Tower:

Gary updated the group on the EOI approval by the Board of Selectman (BOS) and process for the list of potential suppliers sent the EOI. We discussed the path forward. It was agreed should we have multiple firms with interest the ETC would support staff as requested/required in a bidder conference, the development of the RFP, selection criteria and review of proposals. We discussed feedback from the Yankee Microwave site visit.

We discussed whether the Town might have interest in subsidizing the effort with potentially investing in infrastructure, other direct subsidization. It was agreed to see what the results are from the EOI which has a Sept 16<sup>th</sup> closing date.

### Energy Audit:

We reviewed the workshop status provide by Mark Eyerman. John has been in contact with Kristi on the process and will continue to support staff with consulting support.

### Comcast Franchise Agreement:

Howard updated the group on his review of the past document and the conversation he had with David I. Chipman on his view of the primary areas of focus to improve the agreement. His focus would be on reducing the number on homes per mile to gain more expansion of service to more homes and improved service during power outages. Howard will continue to gather basic information on the Comcast infrastructure in Town and areas served/not served.

We discussed comments of the BOS at their meeting July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 in reference to the Board's objective to "look at trends in media content delivery i.e. broadcast steaming". It appears the BOS intent is to have ETC involved with the Franchise Agreement, not as negotiators per se, but to identify technology(s) that may be leveraged in benefit of the Town. Gary took the action to seek clarification and to draft an objective for the ETC to review at the next meeting and for possible submission to the BOS.

#### Solar Array:

John reviewed the data on the array space claim to satisfy 1) Town requirements 2) additional 9 meters (old law) 3) 2 acres and 4) 1 megawatt. He also said he is attempting to contact Freeport to understand their process and gather information. We reviewed the information on both the Freeport and Yarmouth "approaches" as seen in the press. After discussion of the changes in the law and community solar to consensus was to focus on #1 the Town requirements plus growth potential and the subject of community solar would be discussed separately as an agenda item.

#### Wireless (Communication Strategy):

Discussion was tabled as we gather more feedback on the BOS objective and how this may fit with that and Franchise Agreement support.