

BROADBAND COMMITTEE
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 20, 2019

Present: Paul Looney, Chair, Rod Bouchard, Dennis Marcom, Steve Grenier, Dick Hill, Peggy Pschirrer

Rod Bouchard placed a call to Attorney Renelle L'Huillier of Devine Millimet, a legal firm approved by the New Hampshire Bond Bank. Attorney L'Huillier discussed the process for securing a B25 bond with the NH Bond Bank. She worked with the Town of Chesterfield as Chesterfield applied for a bond to cover the costs of their agreement with Consolidated Communications.

Attorney L'Huillier reviewed all the items to be sent to her in preparation for our bond application:

- Copies of all RFI's
- Copies of all RFP's with cover letter
- Public Benefits which outweigh private benefits
- Copies of all posted notices, including Selectboard Meetings
- Send Selectboard Minutes which reference Broad Band Discussions
- Send Selection of Proposal approved by Selectboard
- Copies of all Public Hearing Notices
- Copies of all notices and dates posted
- Have at Least one more public hearing
- Selectboard approve contract
- Have at least one more public hearing
- Hold Public Hearing before Town Meeting
- Meeting Notice for Selectboard must include Broadband on agenda

The Committee discussed the Engagement Letter which will be presented to the Selectboard at its meeting November 21. Questions were asked about taxable and non-taxable bonds. Percentage of Ownership of assets determines whether bonds are taxable.

The Engagement Letter will be sent to Attorney Hockensmith for his review. The Broadband Committee will meet November 25th at 5:00 pm; Consolidated Communications officers will be asked to join us for discussion of the Committee's questions.

This meeting will be posted as Non-public since the Committee will be discussing the contract.

Peggy Pschirrer