

Town of Walpole
Broadband Committee Minutes
March 26, 2020

Paul Looney, Chair, opened the Committee Meeting on Zoom at 5:30 pm. Present electronically were the following: Rod Bouchard, Bob Anderson, Dennis Marcom Steve Grenier, Dick Hill and Peggy Pschirrer.

The purpose of this meeting was to review the latest edition of the proposed contract with CCI.

Bob Anderson promptly raised an objection to the cash flow: it doesn't work. Bond payments are due in February and August. If CCI makes monthly payments to the Town of Walpole it won't work. There will not be enough money on hand to make the first bond payment.

It was suggested that perhaps we had to ask for the first year upfront and then we could go to monthly payments.

The group discussed the user fee and how it will change over the life of the contract. It will taper from \$9.00-\$7.30.

Dennis Marcom reported his discussions with Ryan Harrison about the Town website and how best to use it for the Broadband project.

Conversations with Brad Roscoe indicated that Chesterfield had no change orders and there were no problems with rights of way.

The committee agreed to ask Rob Koester to meet next Monday, March 30 or Tuesday, March 31 electronically to discuss the following:

1. First payments by CCI/cashflow
2. Five-year renegotiation – how does it play into payments?
3. Bond payment
4. User fee - \$9.00 – perhaps lower .25 a year

Peggy Pschirrer left the meeting at 6: 10