



CVFIBER COMMUNICATION MEETING MINUTES

GoToMeeting (virtual meeting only)

May 20, 2021

Present:

Committee Members: Chuck Burt (Moretown), David Healy (Calais), Ray Pelletier (Northfield), R. D. Eno (Cabot), John Walters (East Montpelier Volunteer)

Others:

Evelyn Prim (Middlesex Volunteer)

Called to order: 5:33PM by Chuck Burt via GoToWebinar

Additions to the agenda:

- Should we have a Vice Chair?
- Announcement of Evelyn Prim's role going forward

Public comment:

- Evelyn noted she is very excited to start to contribute

Elections

- Chair
 - Chuck asked for nominations. R.D. Nominates Chuck. Chuck recused himself and asked Ray to take over as acting Chair until end of Chair election, Ray agreed.
 - No other nominations, Chuck elected unanimously. Chuck resumed Chair duties.
- Vice-Chair
 - MOTION: Ray believes we should have a vice chair. Moves to create vice chair. Seconded, David. Passes unanimously.
 - Ray nominates John Walters for Vice Chair.
 - No other nominations. John elected unanimously.

Minutes for 4/20/2021 Communications (Combined with PDC)

- MOTION to approve: Ray, seconded David.
- R.D abstains, otherwise passes.

Community Update

- MOTION: Ray, Seconded David
To approve distribution of the article as written by John Walters, allowing for immaterial changes as required to support posting it to different channels in different formats. This includes distributing the initial summary to the board with the request to distribute on their individual Front Porch Forums.
Passes unanimously

Evelyn Prim's Involvement

- Chuck described having Evelyn support the Committees efforts by taking on the responsibility of posting links to the Community Updates to our various Social Media channels.
- Motion: Chuck, Seconded Ray
To authorize Evelyn Prim get access to and make postings on behalf of CVFiber in our social media accounts for the purposes of sharing Community Updates or any other matter the Committee deems.
Passes unanimously.

Pole Inventory Notification

- Ray: Legislation is likely to be signed by governor that would allow for it to be done, so not an authority issue. With WEC, we can also piggy back off of WEC's existing rights to do so. WEC indicated they might put it in their newsletters or bills and maybe CVFiber could have magnetic signs on the side of the contractor's vehicles. WEC indicated that of 4- 5k homes on whose land they had worked, only a handful had ever complained.
- John: Question about WEC notification, what about other territories? David indicated they are mostly in the roadway.
- Motion: R.D., Seconded David
To bring a proposal to the executive committee highlighting costs of obtaining magnetic vehicle signage that the pole inventory crews could use while working on CVFiber territories.
Passed unanimously

Commercial incumbents' advertising

- Chuck explained Ken's concerns about the advertising being conducted by incumbents within our territory and promoting fiber. Consensus across the board was that we need not be proactive about addressing these as they seemingly require no contract commitments and it would be better for us to focus on getting our service up and continue to proactively update the community rather than being reactive to them. Chuck indicated he would engage Ken some more to ensure he hasn't misrepresented the concern and if there is more nuance/detail required, we can revisit in a future meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:20PM

Respectfully submitted,
Chuck Burt, Chair