



CV FIBER GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

GoToMeeting (virtual meeting only)

June 10, 2021

Present:

Governing board delegates: Josh Jarvis (Barre Town), Jeremy Hansen (Berlin), R.D. Eno (Cabot), Henry Amistadi (Duxbury), Tom Fisher (East Montpelier), Chuck Burt (Moretown), Raymond Pelletier (Northfield), Siobhan Perricone (Orange), Jeremy Matt (Plainfield), Becky Browning (Woodbury), Allen Gilbert (Worcester)

Alternate delegates in voting role: Taber Allison (Marshfield).

Non-voting alternate delegates: Michael Birnbaum (Plainfield), Phil Cecchini (Barre Town), John Russell (Worcester).

Others: Jerry Diamantides (Treasurer), ORCA, John Walters

Town Representation (12/20 towns represented)				
Barre City	Barre Town	Berlin	Cabot	Calais
Absent	Present	Present	Present	Absent
Duxbury	East Montpelier	Elmore	Marshfield	Middlesex
Present	Present	Absent	Present	Absent
Montpelier	Moretown	Northfield	Orange	Plainfield
Absent	Present	Present	Present	Present
Roxbury	Washington	Williamstown	Woodbury	Worcester
Absent	Absent	Absent	Present	Present

Called to order: 6:04 PM by Jeremy Hansen via GoToWebinar

Additions to the agenda:

- None

Public comment:

- None

Approval of Pole Inventory Contracts:

- Ray Pelletier noted that he thinks that these contracts should be in executive session because it would reveal a term sheet that would identify the basis of the agreements between CVFiber and the price each contractor is charging CVFiber.
- MOTION (Ray Pelletier second Tom Fisher) to find that premature public disclosure of our contract discussions per 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(1)(A) would put CVFiber at a disadvantage. Passed unanimously. No discussion.
- MOTION (Jeremy Hansen second Jeremy Matt) to enter executive session to discuss the contracts per the previous motion and to discuss exempt records under the Public Records law 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(6) and to include Jerry Diamantides as the Treasurer (as amended). Passed unanimously. Discussion:
 - Jeremy Matt suggested including Jerry Diamantides as Treasurer (accepted as friendly amendment).
 - Enter: 6:04
 - Exit: 6:33
- MOTION (Ray Pelletier second Tom Fisher) that the Governing Board approve the Work Orders for Apex, Eustis, and Tilson and approve issuing Notices to Proceed for the Phase 1 pole inventory work upon receipt of funds to do the work. Passed Unanimously. No discussion.

CVFiber Network Plan Discussion

- MOTION (Jeremy Hansen second Tom Fisher) To enter executive session to discuss our network plan as an exempt record under 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(6) w/ alternates included (as amended). Passed unanimously. Discussion:
 - Jeremy Hansen brought up potential conflicts of interest with Michael Birnbaum remaining for Executive Session as we may be entering a contract with Michael Birnbaum's company. Michael Birnbaum said that he was not sure that he has a conflict as he does not know the contents of the discussion. Ray Pelletier said that he thinks that there is a conflict. Michael Birnbaum said that if it is about providers, then he does have a conflict. If it is about general design, then he does not think that he does have a conflict. Jeremy Hansen said that he thought it might touch on discussion of providers. Michael Birnbaum left the meeting.
 - Tom Fisher asked if alternates could stay as they may need to vote in the future based on the contents of the discussion. There was general agreement that the presence of alternates would add value to the discussion. Accepted as friendly amendment.
 - Enter: 6:44
 - Exit: 6:58
- No action came out of this executive session. Discussion was severely limited due to time constraints on the part of Jeremy Hansen.

Going Public: what/how/when?

- MOTION (Ray Pelletier second Jeremy Matt) that the Governing Board requests the Executive Committee to develop and recommend to the Board a CVFiber Public Information Campaign that will inform community member towns, residents, and the media of CVFiber's vision, status, and outlook, and that will not put CVFiber at competitive disadvantage. Discussion:
 - Jeremy Hansen noted that he needs to leave the meeting in 1 minute at which point the meeting will end as he is the organizer. Therefore, there will not be time for discussion of the motion.
 - MOTION (Tom Fisher second Allen Gilbert) Motion to table this item to the next meeting. Passed unanimously. No discussion.

Roundtable

- None

Meeting Adjourn adjourned at 7:01 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Jeremy Matt, Clerk