

SELECTBOARD MINUTES
NOVEMBER 26, 2018

Meeting opened at 6:00pm

Present: David DiNicola; Chair; Judith Hoag; Albert Sirard
Duane Pease, Town Administrator

Board reviewed informational handout Dave had prepared and had vetted by MBI for accuracy. There were questions regarding any surveys to be completed to see if the Whip City proposal was viable, who would do survey and deposits needed for users that indicate they would want the Whip City service. Make ready costs increasing and who would pay those costs, MBI, town? After much discussion, Judy motioned to accept Dave's proposed handout, Dave 2nd; vote 3-0.

Sherri Venditti questioned why the town was rushing as this is a big decision and people will be busy with the holidays and may not be interested in the Special Town Meeting.

Mitch Feldmesser said the personal comment made at the last meeting made toward his wife was uncalled for and sexist. Dave said his remarks were not aimed at his wife and were not sexist and if she took the remarks as made toward her, he apologizes. Mitch also questioned why the board voted 2-1 to go with Comcast and violated the Open Meeting Laws.

Judy stated we were one of the last towns in determining our internet provider and we are getting the information out to the people. Sherri doesn't see what the difference would be in delaying the vote for another month. Jay Swift said 33 other towns haven't voted on this yet.

Maureen Sullivan said the one gig service Comcast offers is only available in certain areas and costs \$500. Sherri added there is a last mile contingency fund as the make ready costs exceeded the original projections and this money can be used to aid towns whose costs exceed the estimates.

Jay said Whip City is willing to commit to a survey before the Board makes it choice.

Terry Crean said he feels the warrant reflects a bias and does know what the big hurry is.

Dave motioned to adjourn, July 2nd; Vote 3-0 and meeting adjourned at 7:07pm

Minutes respectively submitted by:

Duane Pease
Town Administrator

Minutes accepted with/without changes by:

David DiNicola, Chair

Judith Hoag

Albert Sirard