

SELECTBOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 28, 2016

Meeting opened at 9:00am

Present: David DiNicola, Chair; Denis Basak  
Duane Pease, Town Administrator (TA)  
Steve Harris, Communication Committee Chair

MBI representatives Bill Ennin and Sean Cunningham; Project Manager Cornell Robinson participated via speaker phone.

Initial discussion concerned the Pilot Program which has been placed on hold since the resignation of former Selectboard Chair, Alan Vint and the receipt of bids that were over the projected pilot costs. The initial grant was for \$580,000 broken down to \$310,000 for construction and \$270,000 for professional services provided by MBI. \$129,000 was allotted to the Town for the Pilot Project construction. This amount was to include engineering services and management of the project; this was jointly agreed to between the Town and MBI.

Dave said there is approximately \$23,000-24,000 spent on the engineering, legal and the soil evaluation to date. Fred Goldstein of Interisle Consulting has submitted the backup for the hours he has put in on the project. This does not include any money for the MLP manager. The TA will submit these invoices to Sean for review and approval. Sean will work with the TA going forward on invoices and costs associated with the Pilot.

Denis said he would like to see the pilot restarted as much work has already been done on this. Bill advised the Town could work with Cornell as the owner's project manager or go out for themselves but that would exclude the Town from the Professional Survives portion of the dollar allotment.

Bill said the Town was given the go ahead as a result of the work previously done by Fred and Steve and with the assistance of Representative Kulik. Since the project has been halted, the Town will have to go through the readiness process.

Denis questioned the scope of professional services available through MBI and Bill explained Cornell would serve as the Town's Project Manager. Cornell would be responsible for the engineering services, construction oversight, safety, equipment, inspections and reports to the town. Any construction overruns, the town would be responsible for these costs.

Steve added that he is looking at different ways to lessen the cost of the pilot at this time. There was also discussion regarding breaking out parts of the contract. These would be run by Cornell and if there were any legal questions, Cornell has in-house legal backup.

Cornell will be the point of contact on this project going forward.

Bill also said the Baker Administration has issued a RFP to private entities to see if they can do more. The administration would like to see a more aggressive approach from the cable companies in pursuing the high speed internet distribution to non-served and under-served towns.

As of now, the Town will have to come into the readiness process and then restart the pilot when all this has been completed.

Dave motioned to adjourn, Denis 2<sup>nd</sup>; vote 2-0 and meeting adjourned at 9:50am.

Minutes respectively submitted by:

Duane Pease  
Town Administrator

Minutes accepted with/without changes by:

David DiNicola, Chair

Denis Basak