

TOWN OF BEDFORD
June 20, 2019
BEDFORD TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Bedford Telecommunications Committee was held on Thursday, June 20, 2019 at the Bedford Meeting Room, 10 Meetinghouse Road, Bedford, NH. Present were: Bill Duschatko (Chairman/Town Council Rep), Denise Ricciardi, and David Tuttle. Also present: Rick Sawyer, Town Manager.

Chairman Duschatko called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.

New Business

- Mrs. Ricciardi reviewed the May 30, 2109 New Hampshire Municipal Association workshop on managing 5G in the public right of way. Mrs. Ricciardi recommended amending our pole permit.

It was decided that Mrs. Ricciardi would serve as the subcommittee with assistance from the Planning Director on updating the pole license and right of way ordinance and that underground equipment would be required in areas of town where utilities are currently underground.

- Mr. Duschatko spoke about the option to provide a municipal fiber network in Bedford. He wanted to stress that we would still be faced with applications for cellular networks even if a fiber network is completed. He indicated that Ammon, Idaho has been able to provide no cost access to internet service providers.

It was discussed that we need to determine if there is a demand for a municipal fiber network here in Bedford through a survey. Mr. Tuttle indicated that Keene had a very detailed survey and that ours could be simplified and that it is important that the costs are made clear. It was stated that we need to estimate the number of years to breakeven after installation. It was agreed that people buy into a community because of great internet service.

It was determined that Mr. Duschatko and Mr. Tuttle would make up the subcommittee to develop the survey.

Chairman Duschatko adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Sawyer, Town Manager