

By Microsoft Teams

Attending: Carol Miller (NCDE), Margo Connors, Nancy Martland, Jordan Applewhite,  
Doug Evelyn

- Discussion regarding the licensing of new utility poles and when the town is notified. Carol and Margo will explore how town can be made aware if a pole is going to be changed on a state road in town. Town is notified when poles are changed on the town roads.  
Questions:  
Is the town vulnerable to new pole heights and wires along route 117? Can those lines be buried to protect the view?  
Town should use the Master Plan in discussions with Eversource.  
Nancy and Doug will share documentation of Sugar Hill historic resources with the Sugar Hill Planning Board.  
The Aesthetics sub-committee has contacted Rep. Tim Egan and Sen. Erin Hennessey regarding the installation of new poles and wires.
- Brief review of Community Meeting on April 25, 2022
- Next Steps: Carol will invite Consolidated, Spectrum-Charter, and New Hampshire Electric COOP to make a presentation on how they would improve broadband in Sugar Hill to the committee at our next meeting on June 15, 2022. Vision - fiber to the premise with a focus on most needy areas, strategies to fill gaps.
- Funding for Broadband:  
Town may have to bond - share cost between ISP company and town, bond paid back with user fees. Probably best to partner with a provider that already has infrastructure in Town.  
Business model will be developed before the next public meeting.  
We should look into establishing a smaller communications district - possibly with Franconia and Easton.
- Can we get a design plan from eX2 Technologies? Margo asked Nik Coates from Grafton County Broadband Commission but has not heard back.

Respectfully submitted,

Margo Connors  
Select Board