

Broadband Committee Meeting Minutes
December 28, 2022
Via Zoom

Attending:

Carol Miller, Consultant

Nancy Martland, Doug Evelyn, Steve Naboicheck, Jordan Applewhite, Jeanne Cummings,
Mike Morley, Margo Connors

Agenda:

Review broadband implementation proposals from Consolidated Communications and Charter Spectrum using prepared scoring matrix.

Discussion:

CCI (95) received better scores than Spectrum (60). CC's proposal is based on Round II funding from the state which has not been awarded yet. Committee agreed to postpone final decision until that grant funding has been announced, probably within the next month.

In light of the recent storm, there was concern among committee members about repair response after a large power outage. Both providers should be approached about this issue to clarify and plan for the best options for Sugar Hill. Margo will discuss with the Road Agent at a BOS meeting.

There will be new/additional fiber on some poles in town where needed with either provider.

Margo will find out if BOS needs town meeting approval to enter into discussion with either provider.

Committee will host an information presentation meeting with the community when they make the final decision. Better maps will be necessary so residents will be able to see the impact on their homes.

There was some discussion regarding the pros and cons of Starlink. Fiber is the best long term broadband option; Satellite is a good Plan B.

January meeting was not scheduled until there is further information on grant funding.

Respectfully submitted,
Margo Connors