

2010-07-26 7:00 pm

Telecommunications Committee

Durham Town Office

Geoff Leighton called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Members Present: John Jenusaitis, Kris Koenig, Geoff Leighton, Milton Simon.

Secretary Deborah Larrabee

Wireless Internet

G. Leighton was contacted by Warren Hatch Administrative Assistance about installation of the Wireless Internet. W. Hatch offered the services of another vendor. G. Leighton contacted J. Jenusaitis and asked if he would be interested in installing the Wireless Internet. J. Jenusaitis agreed. W. Hatch ordered the equipment needed to install the Wireless Internet and gave J. Jenusaitis the equipment at the July Meeting.

D. Larrabee was asked if she would open the Town Office for J. Jenusaitis to install the WI-Fi and she agreed. J. Jenusaitis and D. Larrabee will discuss date and time.

D. Larrabee inquired about blocking certain websites and the security. D. Larrabee was assured this was secure. Blocking could be done later if a problem arises. The Wi-Fi will be password protected. Cost of the system (+/-) \$200.00.

Minutes of June 21, 2010

G. Leighton moved the minutes of June 21, 2010 be accepted as presented. Second by K. Koenig. 4-yes 0-no 0-abstain

T. H. Creations: New Website

T. H. Creations has been busy creating the new website. The Website page was passed around for Committee members to review. The Committee agreed that the page was good.

The next step will ongoing creation of the website. The administrators of the website will be given a website to work on and try as well as training prior to the website going public.

School

G. Leighton worked with Mr. Pidden. The School has \$12,000.00 from Telecommunications to use for school video budget. Suggested that Mr. Pidden come to the next meeting and update the committee on School technology.

G. Leighton has also been working with Tara at the Comcast Office in Brunswick about the wiring of the new Durham school. Fiber Optic needs to run to the Town Office. The target date for this to be completed is September 1, 2010. G. Leighton will be tracking this installation.

Mary Fallon: Chairman of the Eureka Center need to come to a meeting of the Telecommunications Committee and present a five year plan. There are monies available for the community center once a plan has been submitted.

Franchise Contract with Comcast

The 12 year contract is now up. A new franchise agreement process will begin in 2010.

D. Larrabee has Franchise paperwork she will send to G. Leighton. The Committee feels that other cable networks should be offered a chance to send in an RFP quote for Durham. Suggested cable companies: Time Warner, Adelphia (Road runner) and Oxford Networks. The lawyer who assisted with the last franchise agreement was Pat Scully of Bernstein and Shur. 207-774-1200: E-mail: PScully@mainelaw.com

Points to consider with the Franchise

1. Negotiating length of contract
2. Set to all digital
3. Input from public: changes/suggestions

Newsletter

Invite D. Griffiths who does the newsletter to September meeting. Talk with him about an electronic newsletter. How to sign up by e-mail.

Consideration for those citizens who do not have e-mail and prefer a paper copy.

Next meeting to be August 23, 2010 at 7:00 pm.

G. Leighton moves to adjourn at 7:50 pm. Second by M. Simon. 4-yes 0-no 0-abstain