

TOWN OF MARLBORO  
CONNECTIVITY COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday, June 13, 2019  
7:00 PM

**ATTENDANCE:** Present were residents Ty Gibbons, Steven John, Bill Esses, Jacob Smith, and Marc Francillon.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Ty Gibbons, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The committee discussed the origin and history of the committee, including previous work to identify connectivity issues in town, help with the upgrading of public wifi at the town office and Marlboro Community Center, and initial investigations into the implementation of universal broadband in town.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Ty stated that he could no longer serve as chair due to time commitments, and outlined the reasons why, as per the agenda, the committee should reorganize and rename itself.

Jacob talked about the long term vision of the town and mentioned the Marlboro Community Visit report from 2010, a visioning session regarding the future of Marlboro. The document includes visioning around the creative economy and remote working / small business community in town. He suggested this report could help the committee with its new mission statement and activity.

Marc spoke about his current connectivity situation with Vtel.

Steven talked about the rules of the Vermont legislature and the technical advisor board hired by the state. The committee talked about the status of H.513, an act relating to broadband deployment throughout Vermont.

Bill and Steven spoke about meeting with a former select board member from Chesterfield, NH, about a town-wide fiber infrastructure deal the town signed with Consolidated Communications.

The committee nominated Steven John to be the new chair. Ty will bring the nomination to the next Select Board meeting for approval.

The committee voted to rename itself The Marlboro Committee for Universal Broadband. The new name reflects a narrower focus on strategy for universal broadband in town.

The committee voted to create a new mission statement: To create and help implement a

strategy for universal broadband in the town of Marlboro.

The committee discussed some short term, concrete goals and actions. These included maintaining contact with members of the legislature to be informed about the implementation of H. 513 soon to be signed by Governor Scott, making a list of assets that we need to gather (including town data, maps, current connectivity info), and keeping in touch with the Select Board and presenting ideas and assets on a semi-regular basis.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ty Gibbons