

MCUB meeting minutes
December 17, 2019

In attendance: Annie Bartlett, Bill Esses, Mark Francillon, Malcolm Moore.

The minutes of the meeting of November 26 were approved.

The committee had an extensive discussion of the December 11 meeting in Jacksonville of the Deerfield Valley broadband committee. Issues raised included (1) how the town can balance working independently vs. in concert with larger regional identities (e.g. the Deerfield Valley group, or the WRC); (2) CUDs (the merits of CUDs; whether to form a CUD; with whom to form a CUD; the mechanics of forming a CUD).

The committee approved Bill's suggestion of developing an MCUB vision statement. Bill volunteered to draft such a document.

Re agenda item #4, the committee approved proceeding with the preparation of the RFP. This work will largely consist of further customizing for our purposes the West Chesterfield template. The RFP file was distributed to all in attendance for collaborative editing.

Re agenda item #6, Malcolm led a discussion of the access / bandwidth map. The current map is an initial version and will be augmented. It's based at present on data from Consolidated (advertised rates, not observed). Data from other providers will be integrated (data from VTel is now in hand). Various elements of the map were discussed (e.g. whether the color-coding should be based on a relatively large number of download speeds or for example the state-mandated levels, 25/3 and 4/1).

The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for January 28th, 2020, 4PM, Marlboro Town Office - All are welcome.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Francillon