

MCUB Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2020

This meeting was convened remotely via Zoom by Steven John at 4:10 pm.

Present (virtually): Bob Anderson, Annie Bartlett, Bill Esses, Mark Francillon, Ty Gibbons, Steven John, Joe Prignano, and Jacob Smith.

Absent: Andrea Burke (not available)

Public: Jean Boardman

The issue before the committee was to make a recommendation to the Marlboro Select Board re: the two proposals the Town received to provide “future proof broadband access” to all.

A lengthy discussion ensued weighing the pros and cons as expressed by all attending.

Jacob moved the MCUB recommend that at this time the Select Board decline both of the two proposals received.

Bill seconded this motion

Following some discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

Steven asked Jacob to draft language for a letter from the Select Board to inform Matrix Design Group and Consolidated Communications Inc. Steven will inform the Select Board of our recommendation at their meeting on Thursday, April 2 (tomorrow evening).

Jacob raised the concern that many residents in Marlboro are frustrated with their limited access to the internet compounded by the “shelter in place” and closure of all schools by Governor’s order. Maybe we can shift some of this committee’s energy and resources to assisting individual’s with technical support or alternate means to improve their connection’s bandwidth.

Without objection the MCUB agreed to devote our next meeting(s) to serving the Town in the way.

Steven asked that the MCUB also continue to serve as a liaison for the Town to inform and support the work of Marlboro’s Representative and Alternates on the soon to be formed Board of the Deerfield Valley Communications Union District (DVCUD).

Adjourned at 5:12 pm

Recorded by Zoom. Written Minutes by Bill Esses

