

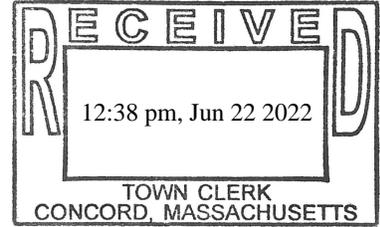
Fiber Broadband Completion Task Force - APPROVED MINUTES

Meeting Date: June 16, 2022

Chair: Mark Howell

Call to order 6:37 PM
Zoom recording not avail. Could not start recording.

Concord Fiber Broadband Task Force
Held virtually via Zoom, beginning at 6:37 pm.



Videos can be found at Minuteman Media Network Youtube Channel:
All meetings: <https://www.youtube.com/c/MinutemanMediaNetwork>

Scribe / Secretary: Scott Hopkinson

Roll call Attendance

Mark Howell	Present
Gordon Brockway	not present and joins at 7:05
David Hesel	Present
Scott Hopkinson	Present
Gail Hire	Present

Also attending.

No attending other the committee.

Two meeting minutes still missing.

March 24, 2022	Minutes pending.
April 14, 2022	Public Forum

Scott sent out April 21, 2022 earlier today.

Chairs Report

June 13, Select Board Meeting
July 13 – next Light Board Meeting opportunity
(past our charge date)
Report has gone to select board, town manager and posted on the web site

Review of minutes of April 21 , 2022

David moved to accept
Gail seconded.

Gordon Brockway	not present
David Hesel	Aye
Mark Howell	Aye
Scott Hopkinson	Aye
Gail Hire	Aye

Minutes accepted by vote (above).

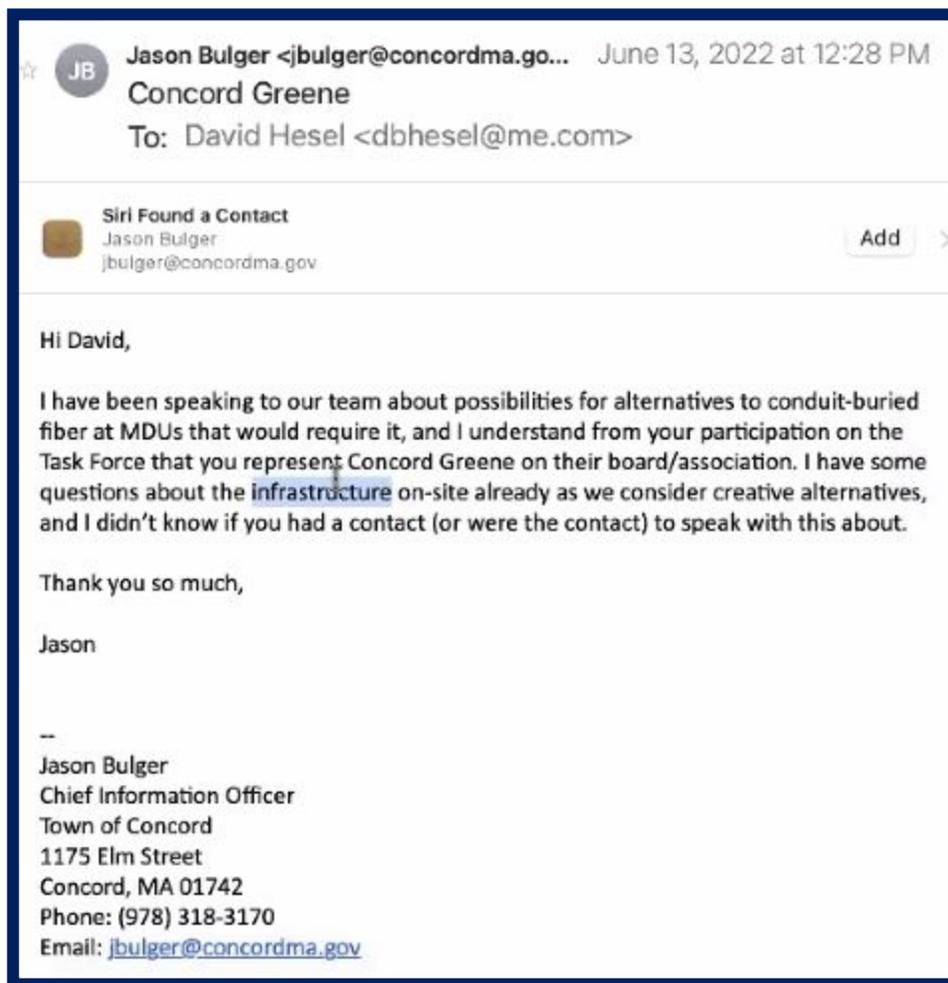
Review of minutes of June 1, 2022

Scott moved to accept
David seconded.

Gordon Brockway	not present
David Hesel	Aye
Mark Howell	Aye
Scott Hopkinson	Aye
Gail Hire	Aye

Minutes accepted by vote (above).

Review of email to David from Jason Bulger we discussed:



Gordon Brockway joins at 7:05

Discussion on how the Comcast cable is not deeply buried.

Small Cell 5G – Mary Hartman (David mentioned)

Gail – aesthetics, placement and accepted ways a municipality can weigh in on such systems.

Discussion about fixed wireless (5G base, small cell).

Mark mentioned that there were:

460 light poles

80 gateway access to the fiber infrastructure that is the smart grid.

Discussion of Select Board Presentation

June 13, 2022 was the Select Board Presentation

Mark described that our point about making similar investment model to cable.

Concord Light Broadband has accepted that they are deeply in debt.

We were successful in calling attention to that fact.

Last Friday, Mark did talk to town manager and town manager will contact auditor to determine why the monies were owed due to the questions we have been asking.

Gordon – discussed loans and pay down.

From January 2022 to May 2022 of this year a net gain of only 21 subscribers. (4.2 per month) (15, 17 new added however there were loss in subscriptions to make the net)

Jason Bulger's response was that they lose subscribers when they move out.

Concord Broadband doesn't follow up with the new tenants to see if they want to connect.

Jason indicated they will go back to the subscriber lost that have fiber in the home already. Hopefully they will see net gains.

Scott wonders if they offered to waive the \$150 for existing installation with new customer.

Gail – broadband operations – short staffed, and director had left.

Mark – indicated that the CMLP knows when the new home owner connect and offer broadband.

David – discussing that Jason now reports to town manager.

How does he coordinate with the CMLP to make sure that the customer is asked about subscribing.

Move / Drop / Add

David mentioned that about 50% (Laurie Cadigan – Barrett Real Estate indicated) are within Concord.

Mark: Once someone signs up with cable provider, they are locked in for two years.

Gordon – we blocked ourselves out from moving forward. Talking about virtuous circle. Then we shot it. Gordon thought the debt was unsustainable. If we had dealt with it earlier we could recommend heading down the virtuous circle. Mark commented about the financial situation. David worked with Mary Hartman and she is focused on financial reporting and will look for accurate data on the financial information.

Mark discussed the process for shutting down the task force.

With the exception of March 24, and April 14 and current Jun 16 minutes (others possibly).

Gordon Brockway discussed comment by Terri comment and looking for feedback if the broadband should have it's own board.

Gordon spoke with a town employee that they would prefer not to have multiple boards.

Town citizen involvement in local government can become a burden.

Citizen involvement can be burdensome. Staff attending board meetings can be burdensome.

Discussion about CMLP board

Scott discussed the green card committees that have existed.

Cable Advisory Committee (high-**lighted** below) existed up to the time between Feb and April 2022.

There is an expectation that a citizen be a member of only one committee.

July 27, 2018	August 4, 2020	June 10, 2021	February 27, 2022	April 25, 2022
2229 Committee	2229 Committee	2229 Committee	2229 Committee	
Affordable Housing Study Committee	Affordable Housing Trust Study Committee	Affordable Housing Trust Study Committee	Affordable Housing Trust Study Committee	2229 Committee
Agriculture Committee	Agriculture Committee	Agriculture Committee	Agriculture Committee	Affordable Municipal Housing Trust Committee
Board of Assessors	Board of Assessors	Bicycle Subcommittee	Bicycle Subcommittee	Agriculture Committee
Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Advisory Committee	Board of Health	Board of Assessors	Board of Assessors	Board of Assessors
Cable Advisory Committee	Board of Registrars	Board of Health	Board of Health	Board of Health
Cemetery Committee	Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Advisory Committee	Board of Registrars	Board of Registrars	Board of Registrars
Climate Action Advisory Board	Cable Advisory Committee	Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Advisory Committee	Board of Registrars	Board of Registrars
Commission on Disability	Capital Planning Task Force	Cable Advisory Committee	Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Advisory Committee	Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Advisory Committee
Community Preservation Committee	Cemetery Committee	Capital Planning Task Force	Cable Advisory Committee	Capital Planning Task Force
Comprehensive Sustainable Energy Committee	Climate Action Advisory Board	Cemetery Committee	Capital Planning Task Force	Cemetery Committee
Concord Housing Development Corporation	Commission on Disability	Climate Action Advisory Board	Cemetery Committee	Civil V's Monument Task Force
Concord Local Cultural Council	Community Preservation Committee	Commission on Disability	Civil V's Monument Task Force	Climate Action Advisory Board
Council on Aging Board	Comprehensive Sustainable Energy Committee	Community Preservation Committee	Climate Action Advisory Board	Commission on Disability
Finance Committee	Concord Center Cultural District Committee	Comprehensive Sustainable Energy Committee	Commission on Disability	Community Preservation Committee
Natural Resources Commission	Concord Housing Development Corporation	Concord 2025 Executive Committee	Community Preservation Committee	Comprehensive Sustainable Energy Committee
PEG Access Advisory Committee	Concord Local Cultural Council	Concord Center Cultural District Committee	Comprehensive Sustainable Energy Committee	Concord 2025 Executive Committee
Personnel Board	Council on Aging Board	Concord Housing Development Corporation	Concord 2025 Executive Committee	Concord Center Cultural District Committee
Planning Board	Economic Vitality Committee	Concord Local Cultural Council	Concord Center Cultural District Committee	Concord Center Cultural District Committee
Polystyrene Education and Outreach Committee	Finance Committee	Concord Municipal Affordable Housing Trust	Concord Housing Development Corporation	Concord Housing Development Corporation
Public Ceremonies & Celebrations Committee	Hanscom Field Advisory Representative	Council on Aging Board	Concord Local Cultural Council	Concord Housing Development Corporation
Public Works Commission	Historic Districts Commission	Economic Vitality Committee	Concord Municipal Affordable Housing Trust	Concord Local Cultural Council
Records & Archives Committees	Historical Commission	Finance Committee	Council on Aging Board	Concord Municipal Affordable Housing Trust
Recreation Commission	Hugh Cargill Trust Committee	Hanscom Field Advisory Representative	DEI Commission	Council on Aging Board
Board of Registrars	Library Committee	Historic Districts Commission	Economic Vitality Committee	DEI Commission
Retirement Board	Local Option Local Income Tax Committee	Historical Commission	Fiber Broadband Completion Task Force	Economic Vitality Committee
Tax Relief Committee	MAGIC Representative	Hugh Cargill Trust Committee	Finance Committee	Fiber Broadband Completion Task Force
Trustees of Town Donations	MAPC Representative	Library Committee	Hanscom Field Advisory Representative	Finance Committee
White Pond Advisory Committee	MBTA Representative	Local Option Local Income Tax Committee	Historic Districts Commission	Financial Audit Advisory Committee
Hanscom Field Advisory Representative	Middle School Building Committee	MAGIC Representative	Historical Commission	Historic Districts Commission
Board of Health	MRHS Committee Representative	MAPC Representative	Hugh Cargill Trust Committee	Historical Commission
Historical Commission	Municipal Light Board	MBTA Representative	Junction Village Open Space Task Force	Hugh Cargill Trust Committee
Historic Districts Commission	Natural Resources Commission	Middle School Building Committee	Library Committee	Junction Village Open Space Task Force
Hugh Cargill Trust Committee	PEG Access Advisory Committee	MRHS Committee Representative	Local Option Local Income Tax Committee	Library Committee
Library Committee	Personnel Board	Municipal Light Board	MAGIC Representative	MAGIC Representative
Local Option Local Income Tax Committee	Planning Board	Natural Resources Commission	MAPC Representative	MAPC Representative
MAGIC Representative	Polystyrene Education and Outreach Committee	PEG Access Advisory Committee	MBTA Representative	MBTA Representative
MAPC Representative	Public Ceremonies & Celebrations Committee	Personnel Board	Middle School Building Committee	Middle School Building Committee
MBTA Representative	Public Works Commission	Planning Board	MRHS Committee Representative	Municipal Light Board
MRHS Committee Representative	Records & Archives Committees	Polystyrene Education and Outreach Committee	Municipal Light Board	Natural Resources Commission
Municipal Light Board	Recreation Commission	Public Ceremonies & Celebrations Committee	Natural Resources Commission	NW's Street Rev-use Planning Committee
West Concord Junction Cultural District Committee	Retirement Board	Public Works Commission	PEG Access Advisory Committee	PEG Access Advisory Committee
Youth Coordinator Advisory Board	Tax Relief Committee	Records & Archives Committees	Personnel Board	Personnel Board
Zoning Board of Appeals	Town Manager Search Committee	Recreation Commission	Personnel Study Task Force	Personnel Study Task Force
	Trustees of Town Donations	Retirement Board	Planning Board	Planning Board
	West Concord Advisory Committee	Tax Relief Committee	Pollinator Health Advisory Board	Pollinator Health Advisory Board
	West Concord Junction Cultural District Committee	Town Manager Search Committee	Polystyrene Education and Outreach Committee	Public Ceremonies & Celebrations Committee
	White Pond Advisory Committee	Transportation Advisory Committee	Public Ceremonies & Celebrations Committee	Public Works Commission
	Youth Coordinator Advisory Board	Trustees of Town Donations	Public Works Commission	Records & Archives Committees
	Zoning Board of Appeals	West Concord Advisory Committee	Records & Archives Committees	Recreation Commission
		West Concord Junction Cultural District Committee	Recreation Commission	Retirement Board
		White Pond Advisory Committee	Retirement Board	Tax Fairness Committee
		Youth Coordinator Advisory Board	Tax Relief Committee	Tax Relief Committee
		Zoning Board of Appeals	Town Committees / Boards	Trail Committee
			Town Manager Search Committee	Transportation Advisory Committee
			Transportation Advisory Committee	Trustees of Town Donations
			Trustees of Town Donations	West Concord Advisory Committee
			West Concord Advisory Committee	West Concord Junction Cultural District Commi
			West Concord Junction Cultural District Committee	White Pond Advisory Committee
			White Pond Advisory Committee	Zoning Board of Appeals
			Youth Coordinator Advisory Board	
			Zoning Board of Appeals	

Mark suggested that we collectively watch the progress and after the recommendations and significant information, we gave them the news not especially what they wanted to hear. If it requires someone (us) to come back and revisit the support then we can do so. David is not optimistic about the future of broadband in town unless significant changes are made. David recommended that we provided the information to take action, but let's see what they can do. David was not in favor of extending the committee.

Gordon discussed with Brian Foulds the borrowing of the \$1.9M etc. did they have the debt and not know about it. Gordon thinks Brian got it. Gordon thought that they have the information to carry forward.

David discussed with Brian Foulds and that he felt that the middle school would be consuming a lot of CMLP board attention.

Mark indicated that the committee consensus was to not recommend a follow on committee at this time and to conclude our activities at this point.

No public attendees to comment.

Review of minutes of June 16 , 2022

Scott moved to accept
Gail seconded.

Gordon Brockway	Aye
David Hesel	Aye
Mark Howell	Aye
Scott Hopkinson	Aye
Gail Hire	Aye

Minutes accepted by vote (above).

Motion to adjourn

Scott moved to adjourn
David seconded.

Gordon Brockway	Aye
David Hesel	Aye
Mark Howell	Aye
Scott Hopkinson	Aye
Gail Hire	Aye

Meeting closed at 8:07 PM