

**Broadband Subcommittee of
Temple Community Planning Committee (TCPC)
Minutes
Tuesday, December 10, 2019, 6 PM
Temple Town Hall**

Attendees: Dana Nowell, Christine Robidoux, Keith Charlton, Jessica Hipp

The meeting was called to order at 6:14 p.m.

The minutes from the November 5th broadband subcommittee were unanimously approved.

C. Robidoux gave an overview of the relationship between the Temple Community Planning Committee and the Broadband Subcommittee. C. Robidoux, K. Charlton, and J. Hipp provided an overview of broadband initiatives in the state.

Pole rights is currently holding up broadband initiatives in several NH communities. The town of Bristol, NH is putting together a group that may work on legislation that will address some of the current challenges with pole rights. This is in the very early stages. The committee discussed the need to understand who owns the poles in town. Often this involves driving around to see who owns which poles. K. Charlton noted that in the future there may be technologies that do not require pole access, however no such reliable solution currently exists.

The committee reviewed a survey draft. The survey is intended to assess the current availability of high speed internet in Temple and residents' need for high speed coverage. Committee members will send specific feedback on the survey via email. C. Robidoux will ask for budget for a mailing to distribute the survey to approximately 700 households. The survey will also be sent electronically.

A next step is to invite Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to present at Select Board Meetings in early 2020. Consolidated has made contact and wants to present. A date has not yet been set. The goal is to have preliminary meetings with as many ISPs as possible.

The Broadband Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, January 16.

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jessica Hipp