

**MINUTES - Final
Broadband Subcommittee
of the Temple Community Planning Committee (TCPC)**

Tuesday, November 5, 2019, 7 PM
Temple Town Hall

Attendees: Keith Charlton, Christine Robidoux, Jessica Hipp

J. Hipp called the meeting to order at 7:01.

The subcommittee reviewed and unanimously approved the minutes from the October 1, 2019 meeting.

K. Charlton reported on his initial research on Internet Service Providers, including Comcast, Consolidated, TDS, Microsoft Airband, and others.

J. Hipp reported on research from towns that have secured or are in the process of finalizing funding for broadband through [SB 170](#). Chesterfield had a ribbon cutting on their town-wide broadband service through Consolidated earlier this month. Dublin is also quite far along in their process. SB 170 requires that an RFI is submitted, however the RFP is optional. C. Robidoux suggested speaking with Senator Jeanne Dietsch about new legislation that allows multiple towns to bond for funds together.

The committee discussed whether or not to engage a consultant before sending out an RFI. Several towns have used a consultant and grant funding is available for this purpose. The RFI provides official data, and most towns have also done additional research to understand actual upload and download speeds (as compared to the maximum available from the ISP). K. Charlton will draft a survey to be sent out to Temple residents. The survey will be shared with the TCPC before it is sent out. No decision was made about whether to pursue using a consultant for the RFI.

J. Hipp reported that at the recent NH Digital Equity Summit, the town manager from Bristol, NH co-presented on a panel with a lawyer who helped that town better understand pole rights and potential insurance implications for broadband installation. J. Hipp will get in touch to learn more.

Per the recommendation of other towns, the Broadband subcommittee will contact Internet Service Providers to each give a 15-20 minute presentation at Select Board meetings in early 2020. K. Charlton and J. Hipp will contact ISPs to coordinate dates with the Select Board.

The meeting adjourned at 7:56.

Upcoming Meetings: Tuesday, December 3, 2019.

Respectfully submitted by Jessica Hipp