

Leyden Broadband Committee Meeting
Informational Meeting at Leverett
March 1, 2016 at 10 AM

Minutes

Attendees:

Leverett MLP:

Denzel Hankinson (Chair), Peter d'Errico and Tom Powers (Bd Members) and Margorie McGinnis (Mgr)

Leyden Broadband Committee:

David Curtis, Tom Luck, Jeff Neipp, Bob Ryan and Al Woodhull.

Town of Wendell:

Dan Kelleher (selectman) and Ben Swartz (broadband Committee)

The meeting started at 10:10 and ended at 12:35.

The purpose of this meeting was to review the process the Town of Leverett went through as they developed and implemented their broadband network. Our hope when we setup this meeting was to get a better idea of what was ahead of us, what we don't know that we need to know and what pitfalls to be aware of.

Discussions ranged from Active Ethernet (AE) vs. Passive networks (GPON), symmetric vs. asymmetric upload/download bandwidth speeds, philosophy of wiring 100% of the homes whether they wanted internet or not and the specs for the equipment hut that we will need to build. Most importantly, the Leverett group was able to tell us with real specificity the various types of expenses necessary to run an independent MLP and what we might expect to see in overall annual MLP cost.

This was a tremendous learning process for the Committee and we were very appreciative of the amount of time the Leverett MLP Board spent with us.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Ryan, Chair