

MEETING NOTICE
Montague Broadband Advisory Committees
Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 5:30PM – 6:30PM
Montague Town Hall First Floor Conference Room
Members of BBC present: Kevin Hart, Rob Steinberg, Lisa Enter

1. Minutes of 2/23/16 KH motion to accept minutes, RS second, AIF

2. Review of current interactions with MBI and brief comparison of options for type of build out bet. vendors including comments on cost, copper and fiber, lack of information on Comcast RfQ response due to heavy redacting. Unclear how many homes would be served with Comcast, while have clear count with Matrix. Way that legislation is written Montague must go through MBI to receive any funding. Thus far, MBI has refused any public comment on Matrix, as well as sending cease and desist to Chris Lynch of Matrix following his request to meet, which had originally been scheduled then cancelled by Elizabeth Copeland Interim Director of MBI. (RS & KH)

3. Bob Martin, BB chair Hardwick, spoke about ethical issues of MBI preferring Comcast. Described phone calls to Princeton Town Manager and Robert Page (of Hardwick). Page who was present, described call he received from Copeland telling him to that Comcast “will cover your house”. Appears that Comcast and MBI have a private relationship and state ethics commission has been contacted. FOI also been filed months ago, and no response from MBI yet.

4. Comments from audience about contacting Sen. Rosenberg to attend meeting with Governor and Montague residents starting letter writing campaign to legislators, expressing frustration with lack of transparency and action by MBI, and to delay any decision without public meeting. Q & A continued.

5. KH will present at May 7 Town Meeting for MLP vote. LE motioned, RS second, AIF

Adjourned: 7:50 PM