

Wiscasset Broadband Committee Minutes 4/7/22 11AM

Present: Carla Dickstein, Evan Goodkowsky, Marty Fox, Larry Rines, Dusty Jones, Mary Ellen Barnes via zoom

1. March 24 minutes approved.
2. Carla updated on NDEC, Axiom planning proposals for infrastructure and digital equity.
3. Town received \$7500 Island Institute grant.
4. Discussed different consulting companies throughout the state that do infrastructure plans and their current rates.
5. Discussed process going forward; waiting for Dresden and Woolwich to join us in infrastructure and digital equity plans that will reduce each town's cost; sending an RFP for planning, and how to discuss and market an option for the town to own its broadband network, and other processes.
6. Discussed Digital equity further, and the process of getting data to document people who cannot access and/or afford broadband, and the economics of people in towns.
7. Committee set meeting schedule to first and third Thursdays at 11 am. The next meeting on April 21st will be held at 2:30 to accommodate a morning conflict for a committee member.
8. Adjourned at Noon.