



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Town of Southwick

High Speed Internet Committee Minutes

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AMENDMENT #1

Monday, September 30th, 2019

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Doug Moglin
Alisha Sullivan
Chris Boyd
Pari Hoxha
Annalia Hanson

GUESTS: NONE

MINUTES:

1. No motions were made to begin the meeting at 6:30 PM. The meeting was not an official meeting, as we did not have enough attendance to appoint members of the committee. It is also necessary to have all members be sworn in prior to the meeting.
2. Doug spoke to ask for a motion for the Select Board to have Marlene Quinlan and Jim Johnson appointed to the High Speed Internet Committee.
3. Future topics that were briefly discussed: Reaching out to Westfield G&E to ask about the services they provide, along with asking the town council to talk about what is involved and what is to be expected with having a municipal utility. Alisha mentioned having Xfinity/Comcast come in to explain further about 5G.
4. On the topic of 5G, Pari explained how 5G only gives 20 GB/ month. To include streaming, use of mobile phones, etc, the average household uses roughly 200 GB/ month. It is crucial we find more information on this topic, as 20 GB/ month would not suffice for most households.
5. Doug suggested that making calls to Verizon, and WG&E to have them explain the pros/cons of 5G would be a great starting point for our committee. Annie plans on making calls to ask if the guests would be willing to appear to further explain the topic.
6. A motion was made by Chris B to adjourn the meeting. Alisha seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the meeting was adjourned.
7. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 21st, 2019 at 6:30 PM. The committee needs all participants sworn in and present for this meeting to begin appointing members.

Public comments:

There were no public comments at this time.