

Mid-Coast Broadband Task Force
January 27, 2021
5:00 p.m.
Zoom (during COVID-19 Pandemic)

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

Task Force Participants: Camden - Matt Siegel, Marc Ratner, Jeremy Martin; Rockport - Joe Sternowski, John Viehman, Debra Hall; Hope – Duane Wright, Amy Gertner, Melissa Foster Hall, Allie Fenner; Lincolnville – Josh Gerritsen and David Kinney; Chris Stump – Tech Advisor

2. Introduction by Debra Hall

3. Elect Chair and Vice Chair

Debra Hall has been coordinating efforts of the prior Camden Rockport Task Force to date but there is officially no Chair or Vice Chair, for which there should be an annual election.

4. Discuss Mission and Organization of Task Force

The Camden Rockport Task Force has acted in a consensus manner to date. The meetings have consisted of discussions about: our goals, potential structures, surveys, drafting several articles for publication, agreement to rename task force to current name, agreement to contract with a consultant and later decision to expand task force membership and consider consultants in a broader context; agreement to reach out to Hope, Lincolnville, Rockland, Union, Belfast and potentially others.

5. Discuss Current Efforts re Broadband in State of Maine and Mid-Coast Region

The participants are invited to share information about the status of broadband efforts in their individual towns (Hope and Lincolnville) and other municipal efforts of which we are aware.

6. Discuss Current Budget Efforts and Grant Status

Given that the Task Force will have to retain a consultant, we should discuss our efforts to budget for broadband in the upcoming budget cycle and knowledge of grants that might exist. Debra Hall and Matt Siegel will report on their latest discussions with one potential consultant, Finley Engineering. A copy of a sample work product for Finley Engineering, a consultant under consideration, is attached for the Task Force's review.

7. Report on Task Force Website and Outreach

Chris Stump has kindly volunteered to assist the Task Force in their efforts to create a website. Chris is a resident in St. George and experienced in website creation.

8. Future / Regular Meetings

The Task Force is asked to discuss future and regular meetings. It would be helpful to choose a regular date and time.

9. Other Matters & Adjournment