

Mid-Coast Broadband Coalition (MCBC) Meeting

February 10, 2021

5:00 p.m.

Zoom (during COVID-19 Pandemic)

Agenda

1. Call to Order

Participants: Chair: Debra Hall (Rockport); Vice Chair: Matt Siegel (Camden);
Representatives: Marc Ratner, Jeremy Martin (Camden); John Viehman, Joe Sternowski (Rockport); Duane Wright, Melissa Foster Hall, Allie Fenner, Amy Gertner (Hope); Josh Gerritsen, David Kinney (Lincolntonville); Shelley Patten, Jamie Ritter, Ann Frenning Kossuth (Northport); Steve Matteo (Camden National Bank); Kara George, Brian Doyle (Guests from Thomaston); John Gibbons (Guests from Union); Leticia vanVuuren (Knox County); Chris Stump (Technical Advisor)

2. Approval of January 27, 2021 Minutes – Action Item

Attached are the draft January 27, 2021 minutes previously distributed on January 28, 2021.

Follow-up from last meeting:

Jeremy Martin contact with Rockland and Union.

Melissa Foster Hall: Grant information update

3. Report by the Chair – Discussion Item

Chair Hall will report on activities since the last MCBC meeting, including: additional participant interest and Vetro mapping webinar / confirmation.

4. Finley Engineering / CCG – Discussion Item

MCBC will be joined by Dean Mischke, Finley Engineering and Doug Dawson, CCG Consulting to discuss next/first steps in obtaining a potential bid from Finley / CCG for consulting services to MCBC. MCBC will also discuss “homework assignments” needed by Finley / CCG for cost purposes.

Finley Engineering is a multi-disciplined organization offering professional engineering, surveying, mapping, environmental and right-of-way services to the telecommunications, electric power transmission and distribution, gas pipeline, cable television, fiber optics, and related industries.

With more than 30 years of experience at Finley, Dean Mischke brings extensive knowledge and expertise in the area of advanced communications networks. Over the years, Dean’s main focus has been designing and building such networks capable of cost effectively meeting the demands of tomorrow’s consumer. Finley currently has several Maine clients.

Doug is the owner and president of CCG Consulting. CCG is the most successful telecommunications consulting firm in the country with over 700 clients. CCG's clients include ILECS, CLECS, cable companies, ISPs, municipalities and wireless carriers.

5. Update on MCBC Mission / Value /Goals – Action Item

Josh Gerritsen, Matt Siegel and John Viehman have drafted documents, which are attached for review. MCBC is asked to review / approve.

6. Website Update – Discussion Item

Chris Stump will provide an update on the MCBC website.

7. Future / Regular Meetings

The group set future meetings for the second Wednesday of each month at 5 p.m. as follows.

Mar 10th

April 14th

May 12th

Jun 2nd Note this is first Wednesday of June to avoid town elections/annual meetings

Jul 14th

Aug 11th

Sept 8th

Oct 13th

Nov 10th

Dec 8th

8. Other Matters & Adjournment