

HEEC Minutes 11/13/19 6:00PM

Attending

Kevin Shelton (KS)

Doug Teschner

Wayne Fortier

Jeff Stimson

Kristen May

Christopher Luurtsema

Meeting started at 6:00PM

- 1 Discussion on how the forum went. Discussion on what the greatest priority of the community is Broadband expansion or improvement of cell tower coverage. Members felt strongly that our energies should be put into trying to get expanded cell coverage.
- 2 Further discussion on the two technologies that ATT&T and Verizon have, and how they do not share and what would benefit a Verizon customer, would not benefit an ATT&T customer.
- 3 Decision to write each of the companies, ATT&T, Verizon, T-Mobile and Consolidated and ask them what the barriers are that keep them from expanding service for our area. Is it financial, (Carol Miller has said this) or is it taxes, is it the cost of installation. We need to ask them what we need to do to make something happen. We must know what the costs may be for our contribution. They need to define what coverage would be in specific areas of Haverhill, with the goal of greatly improving coverage and a dream of having 100% service available.
- 4 Jeff to summarize and send a draft letter to Carol Miller for her review and input and then send draft to committee for further review.
- 5 Further discussion on having two warrant articles added to the Town Meeting by and with the approval of the Select Board. The first being to create a Cell Tower Technology Modernization fund. The idea being that this reserve could be used to receive matching grant funds from Northern Borders or others, and help fund the needed cell coverage. This fund would be dispersed with the approval of the Select Board, with the intention of the Town not taking a big hit when the opportunity for such presents itself.
- 6 Further discussion on the second article, that appropriating \$50,000 for the reserve. Doug will schedule a meeting with the Town Manager to explain and determine next steps.
- 7 There will be no meeting until January, but we will circulate information via email and keep everyone informed.

Meeting over at 7:30 PM

Next scheduled meeting January 22, 2020 6pm

Kevin Shelton

