

New Ashford Municipal Light Plant/Select Board Meeting
New Ashford Town Hall
February 1, 2019

Board Present: Jason Jayko (S.B. Chair), Ken McNerney (MLP Manager), Mark Phelps
Others Present: Lori Jayko

Meeting opened at 6:01

1. Drop Policy Discussion: The Board reviewed the draft Drop Policy that was sent to legal counsel. In item number three, New Ashford Broadband was changed to the Town of New Ashford. In number four, certified mail was removed. An addition was made saying that the drops will be covered for residences and businesses that are currently served by existing wired utilities. In number seven, "with a deposit" was removed. In number nine, "will still" was removed from the first sentence. Indemnification will be added to the Drop Policy and Property Access Form in case the drop installation does damage to a dwelling. Number 10 was removed, which required customers to have a twelve-month contract. An addition was made to number 11 requiring residents to sign for equipment. CAT 6 wall plate was changed to jack in number 12. The examples after number 13 were removed. In the definitions, the address of the hub was changed to 188 Mallery Road. An addition was made following the section on exterior drops that "Any work that requires disruption of town roads, requires approval from the New Ashford Board of Selectmen." Jason will send the Drop Policy to Whip City for feedback. He will ask Whip City about who is responsible for repairs to the drops. The Board reviewed the Property Access Form.

2. Cameras: Wireless Arlo Pro cameras will be placed to monitor the generator, the IT Room, and the door. They will be hi-def, with 130-degree view, motion sensor, siren, solar and battery powered, will record for several days and be flash drive compatible. The cost is \$500 for three cameras and will be covered by the Broadband Grant.

3. Rates: Jason has been working on several spreadsheets, shared by the Town of Plainfield, to determine the best possible rate for internet service. The rate is \$85 for one gig of service, \$12.95 for telephone, and \$97.95 for internet and telephone combined. The Board reviewed the spreadsheets, including the expenses of backhaul (\$1,200 a month), liability insurance, the property policy for the hub, pole licensing fees, pole bonds (not required – it was a one-time fee), retainer for a repair team, network operations (\$36.24 to Whip City per customer), network maintenance and repair, electricity, propane, accounting, and reserves. The take rate affects the fee rates. Jason will continue to work on the spreadsheets and the Select Board will review them at their next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20