

Town of Liberty Grove
Minutes of the Technology Committee meeting on September 20, 2021
(This meeting was posted correctly)

Agenda:

1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. Approve Agenda
4. Approve Minutes: 8/12/2021
5. Public input
6. Status reports:
 - a. WiFi and EV charger installation at the Community Center
 - b. UW Student project presentations from 8/13/21
 - c. DCEDC Broadband Engineering Study
 - d. 2021 Business Continuity Project
 - e. 2022 PSC grant application
7. 2022 Technology Committee budget
8. 5-year project planning
9. Future meeting
10. Adjourn

Chair David Studebaker called the meeting to order at 4:02pm. Committee members Cathy Ward, Dan Watts, and Les Keepper were present along with Administrator Walter Kalms, Clerk/Treasurer Anastasia Bell and 1 member of the public via Zoom.

Ward moved, Keepper second to approve the agenda as posted. Passed 4-0.

Ward moved, Studebaker second to approve the 8/12/2021 minutes as presented. Passed 4-0.

Public Input – Studebaker reported the joint Economic Development and Technology meeting will likely be in November. Committee member John Dwonch connected to the meeting.

WiFi & EV Charger – Kalms reported we're waiting for the electrician, there will be installation costs for the pedestals, outlets, and enclosures. It was noted that WiFi is not needed for the charger and is available at the Information Center.

UW Presentations – The presentations, reports, and video will be made available.

DCEDC Broadband Study – Studebaker reported completion is expected by 10/2/2021 and county-wide presentations are being planned; the information will be useful for future grants.

Business Continuity Project – Keepper will have a timetable & update for the next meeting.

2022 PSC Grant – Studebaker reported there will be a two-stage evaluation expected to be completed in late October.

2022 Technology Budget – Janet Johnson, Ellison Bay, stated that the budget must fall within the State levy cap and suggested the Committee obtain a firm estimate to install fiber throughout the Town, negotiate with a provider to share the costs, and then the Town can seek bonds for

funding. It was noted that NSight is working on the cost estimate and a cooperative might create a way for bonding and installation of the infrastructure.

5-Year Project Planning – Studebaker requested that long-term efforts continue to focus on broadband and short-term efforts focus on requests from the Town Committees/Board.

The next Technology Committee meeting will be Monday, November 1, 2021 at 4:00pm.

Keeper moved, Ward second to adjourn at 5:13pm. Passed 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anastasia Bell, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved at the 11-1-2021 Technology Committee meeting.