

TOWN OF LIBERTY GROVE PUBLIC MEETING

Technology Committee

Date: Monday, January 9, 2023

Time: 7:00pm

Place: Liberty Grove Town Hall, 11161 Old Stage Road

Agenda:

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approve Agenda
4. Approve Minutes: 12/5/2022
5. Public Input
6. Project Status Reports:
 - a. Business Continuity Project
 - b. Liberty Grove Efforts to Increase County Survey Participation
 - c. Survey Results to Date
 - d. Northport Pilot Project
 - e. Town Network Design Project
 - f. FCC Map
7. Correspondence
8. Future meeting
9. Adjourn

*** Report items will not be discussed or voted on, all other agenda items may include discussion and possible action. Deviation from listed order may occur***

***Audience members must ask for permission, during public input, to speak on agenda items ***

Anastasia Bell, Clerk/Treasurer

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Town of Liberty Grove
Minutes of the Technology Committee meeting on December 5, 2022

(This meeting was posted correctly)

Agenda:

1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. Approve Agenda
4. Approve Minutes: 10/31/2022
5. Public Input
6. Project Status Reports:
 - a. Business Continuity Project
 - b. Liberty Grove Efforts to Increase WISER Survey Participation
 - c. Liberty Grove WISER Survey Results to Date
 - d. Northport Pilot Project
 - e. Town Network Design Project
 - f. 2023 Technology Committee Budget
7. Election of New Technology Committee Chair
8. Correspondence
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10. Adjourn

Chair David Studebaker called the meeting to order at 7:04pm. Committee members Cathy Ward, Dan Watts, Kirk Scattergood, Joel Asher, and Jodi Bensyl were present along with Administrator Walter Kalms, and Clerk/Treasurer Anastasia Bell. Committee member Les Keepper was excused.

Ward moved, Scattergood second to approve the agenda as posted. Carried 6-0.

Ward moved, Studebaker second to approve the 10/31/2022 minutes as presented. Carried 6-0.

Public Input – Ward noted the Wausau seminar had good information that might be worth discussing in the future.

Business Continuity Project – Asher reported this is in process, there are more considerations to be made from the network aspect and a better overall plan would be beneficial.

Survey Participation – Bell reported the survey has been posted online, on the Town website, and at the official posting locations, and it was recently included in the tax bills. Bensyl reported the Piggly Wiggly would be willing to pass out fliers and she offered to check with the County about printing and/or provide materials for this effort.

Current Survey Results – Scattergood reported Liberty Grove has 241 responses to date, and 180 are considered unserved speeds. Satellite and cellular services are not included in the coverage maps. This data will be useful for future grant applications because PSC receives the maps from the FCC and the PSC seems to be aware of the inaccuracies.

Northport Pilot Project – Studebaker reported they have started connecting Liberty Grove properties and he will send information for possible inclusion in the newsletter. The current speeds are 300Mbps.

Town Network Design – Ward noted the Board has approved the engineering design contract and information is anticipated in September 2023. Kalms noted the Town's legal team is working on the Town-wide agreement.

2023 Budget – Ward noted the total requested amount was approved with a portion designated as capital.

Committee Chair – Studebaker noted he has been the chair since 2011, and it is his current intention to retire from the committee. The next big project will be grant applications for the Town-wide project. **Studebaker moved, Ward second** to nominate Kirk Scattergood as the Chair of the Technology Committee. Carried 6-0.

Correspondence – Kalms noted the Village may be annexing a parcel.

The next Technology Committee meeting will be Monday, January 3, 2022 at 5:30pm.

Asher moved, Scattergood second to adjourn at 8:45pm. Carried 6-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anastasia Bell, Clerk/Treasurer

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Link to the FCC coverage map
<https://broadbandmap.fcc.gov/home>

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

December 21, 2022

The Honorable Jessica Rosenworcel
Chairwoman
Federal Communications Commission
45 L St., NE
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairwoman Rosenworcel,

We write today to highlight important next steps in ensuring that the national broadband map being developed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) ultimately satisfies the goals of the Broadband DATA Act and provides a reliable depiction of broadband availability across the country.

As an initial matter, we appreciate the efforts of you, your colleagues on the FCC, and the FCC staff in seeking to develop a nationwide Fabric that identifies serviceable locations and in amassing data detailing the level of broadband service available to each of them. We appreciate that this has involved the creation of a new means of capturing and presenting such data, and we are pleased that the public can now view a preliminary version of the map reflecting initial location estimates and initial service coverage reports from providers.

But for all of the work done to date, as you and others have noted on multiple occasions, this is an “iterative” process. We have heard from constituents, state and local governments, and service providers alike of continuing concerns about the accuracy of the map, ranging from persistent issues with missing or incorrect serviceable locations to potentially overstated claims of coverage by providers. To ensure the map can be used for decisions about where to direct tens of billions of dollars for broadband deployment, it is critical that these issues be examined and addressed in a systematic and thorough manner.

Accountability and accuracy must be paramount moving forward. A more granular map will be of little use if there is little confidence in the results and if providers are not accountable for reporting accurately. We encourage you therefore to work with stakeholders of all kinds to make sure that all serviceable locations are in fact represented on the map, such as by making it relatively simple for adjustments to be made to the Fabric. We also recommend that the Fabric be updated more than twice each year and that such updates, especially when adding new locations, also enable the identification of the locations as served or not.

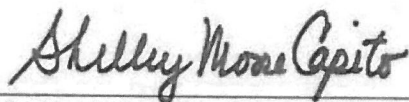
Similarly, we encourage you to make sure that providers are accountable for their reports – not just after the fact if they are found to have overreported coverage, but on the front end even prior to the map being finalized. This is especially important precisely because choices as to how billions of broadband dollars will be spent or not will turn on these claims. We therefore ask, for example, that you not allow a provider to claim coverage at locations where challengers can

demonstrate they have tried to request service and been told the service is unavailable or cannot be delivered within 10 business days. Likewise, if a challenger submits robust testing data or publicly available coverage data indicating that a provider's signals cannot in fact be received at a given location as promised, this should disqualify the provider from claiming to serve that location. In addition, the Commission should ensure that its crowdsourcing process works effectively and promptly in response to parties filing robust testing data regarding performance of services that are available.

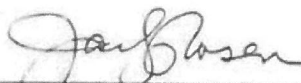
We recognize that these steps will require more work now in ensuring all serviceable locations are represented and in sorting through challenges as to the availability of service and to the underlying Fabric data. But these processes must not be short-cut or millions of Americans in need of broadband risk being short-changed.

Thank you again for your work thus far in developing the map and for your attention to this letter. We look forward to continuing to work with you to promote accountability on the part of reporting providers and to ensure that we are working from a map that is both granular and accurate in making responsible decisions about distributing valuable taxpayer resources for broadband deployment.

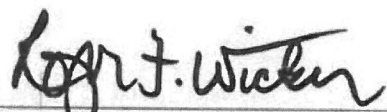
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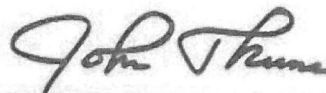
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United States Senator



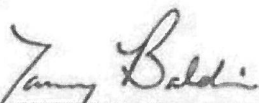
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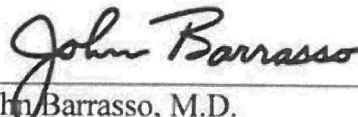
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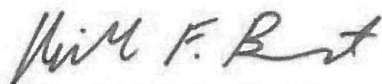
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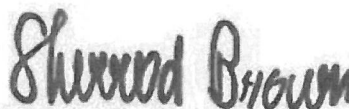
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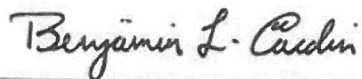
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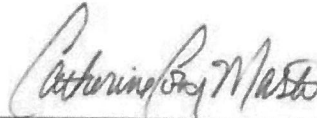
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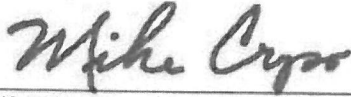
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Senator Benjamin L. Cardin
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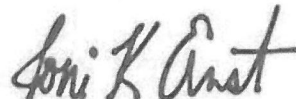
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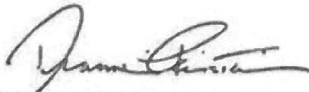
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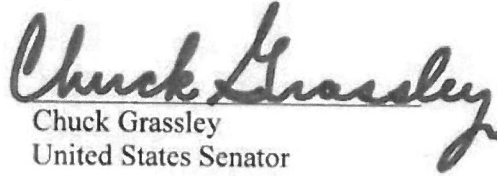
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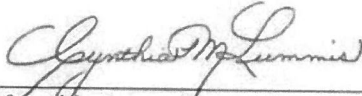
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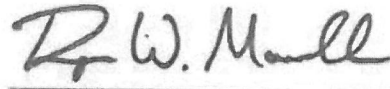
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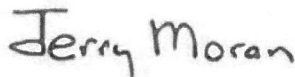
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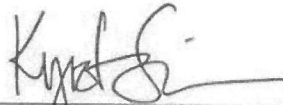
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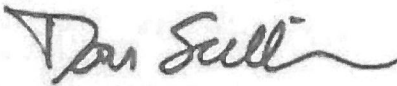
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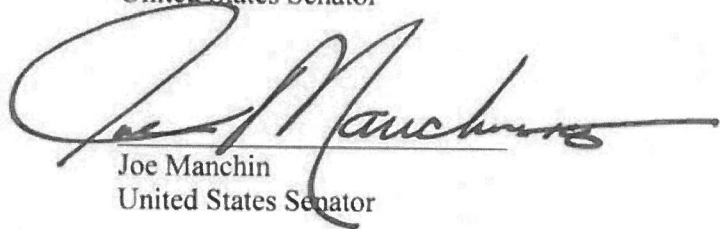
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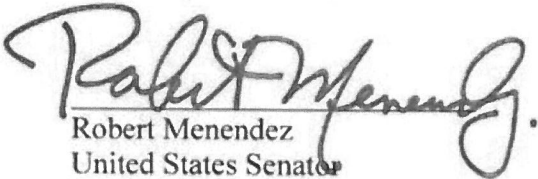
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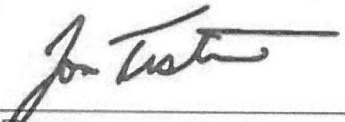


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