



TOWN OF WORTHINGTON

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD AND BROADBAND COMMITTEE

Thursday, August 24, 2017
9:00 – 11:00 AM - Town Hall

AGENDA

9:00 AM

Vote to approve minutes of previous MLB & WBBC meetings
Other news and announcements

9:15 AM

Discuss the impact of a new RFI from the MBI

Address questions relating to the town-owned option:

Finalize how many “pre-subscriptions” we will require.

Decide on a signup cost, and what it can be used for.

Consider incentives.

Develop menu of construction-time costs for subscribers (e.g. long driveways).

Develop subscriber pricing, allowing for flexibility in service providers.

Discuss plans for “getting the word out”

10:45 AM

Other business, if any

11:00 AM

Adjourn

Committee Official

Date of Posting

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(M.G.L. C.39, S.23 A-C)*

Agenda / Decisions

First

Decided: we do not need to answer the question of Pole Rights for Matrix until after the town meeting, and can ask Petersham how they address the question.

Address questions relating to the town-owned option:

Decide how many “pre-subscriptions” are needed.

Decided: The maximum subscriber monthly cost will be \$125

Decided: The taxpayer will pay no more than 50% of the debt service

Together these decisions allow us to determine how many pre-subscriptions we need.

Decided: The subscribers will pay as much of the debt service as possible, while keeping their monthly cost below \$125.

Decide on a signup cost, and what it can be used for.

Consider incentives.

Second

Address questions relating to the town-owned option:

Develop menu of construction-time costs for subscribers (e.g. long driveways)

Consider incentives.

Develop subscriber pricing, allowing for flexibility in service providers.

Third

Decide if taxpayers or subscribers will pay for borrowing, in town-owned case.

Develop structure for town meeting:

Decide if the Charter option is presented as an article.

After the answer from Secretary Ash/EOHED

If the state funds are not available:

Ask Bond Council if we can borrow for the things Matrix asks us to pay for.

Decide if taxpayers or subscribers will pay for borrowing.

If the state funds are available:

What conditions are placed on the funds?

Outstanding Questions

Independent of path forward

How will we get the word out?

Informational meeting – will vendors be invited?

Other publicity or events?

How do we structure the meeting to discourage votes for #1, then against #2?

Should the Charter option be presented as an article?

Should we meet with groups from other towns?

Matrix

Will the state give us our allocation towards make-ready work? (Jay Ash/EOHED)

Will Verizon allow Matrix to use the town's pole rights?

Can the town's pole rights be "held" by the Matrix/Worthington LLC?

Can we borrow for the things Matrix wants us to pay for? (Bond Council)

Will taxpayers or subscribers pay for borrowing?

Town-Owned, Contracted Operations

Will taxpayers or subscribers pay for borrowing?

Will there be a signup cost?

If so ...

What will it be?

What will it be used for (authorized uses)?

How many "pre-subscriptions" must we have before moving forward?

How will we present operations, particularly price to the subscriber?

What do we say about driveway lengths and other construction-time costs for potential subscribers?