



TOWN OF WORTHINGTON

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD AND BROADBAND COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 21, 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

Review RFP
Discuss plans for “getting the word out” – press release
Review decision matrix - operations.

10:30 AM

Discussion of edge cases

10:45 AM

Other business, if any

11:00 AM

Adjourn

Committee Official

Date of Posting

Agenda / Decisions

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:

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

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

Decided: We will require 280 signups during the pre-subscription period.

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

Decided: All debt service will be shifted to the subscribers after 5 years.

Decided: There will be a \$125 signup fee during a 90 day pre-subscription period.

Decided: Signup fee will be used for startup and contingency costs

Decided: The \$125 signup fee is discounted to encourage signups during pre-subscription. The normal signup fee will be the cost of performing the hookup, estimated at \$1500 for a typical aerial installation.

Decided: The only additional cost during construction will be for long (over 300') driveways, the cost for which is estimated at \$1 / foot for basic aerial service.

Develop structure for town meeting

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?

Edge cases:

Requiring new poles installed on Worthington streets

Residents of Worthington who have no utilities on the street

Requiring new poles installed on Worthington streets or agreements with another town

Residents of Worthington whose utilities come from outside of town

Requiring service of non-residents

Non-residents of Worthington whose utilities come from Worthington

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?

How to handle edge cases?

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?~~