



# TOWN OF WORTHINGTON

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

### MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD AND BROADBAND COMMITTEE

**Thursday, October 5, 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 – analysis, and wrap up.

**10:30 AM**

Discussion of edge cases

**10:45 AM**

Other business, if any

**11:00 AM**

Adjourn

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Committee Official

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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?~~