

Municipal Fiber Task Force Meeting Agenda

Monday, January 8, 2024

7:30 p.m.

Remote Meeting

1. Join Zoom Meeting

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2. Presentation and Meeting with Heidi Mahoney of GoNetSpeed

3. Discussion of Task Force's Purpose Statement

Documents:

[MFTF PROBLEM AND PURPOSE STATEMENTS.PDF](#)

4. Benjamin Tansky will provide updates from Whip City Fiber to Task Force's additional questions

5. Adjournment

Problem Statement

The community of Longmeadow faces a multifaceted challenge as it remains constrained by a sole internet service provider, resulting in a myriad of issues. Residents experience limited options for internet service, hindering their ability to make choices aligned with their preferences. The town is grappling with technological stagnation, falling behind in the integration of advanced technologies that could enhance the overall quality of life and safety of residents. Addressing these issues is crucial not only for technological advancement but also for ensuring financial feasibility and fostering a well-connected, equitable community.

Fiber Optic Task Force Purpose Statement

In recognition of the escalating demand for digital connectivity as an essential utility, the Select Board and the Municipal Fiber Task Force are committed to exploring alternative solutions. Our primary goal is to provide the residents of Longmeadow with a reliable, secure, and high-bandwidth network that not only meets current needs but also facilitates future growth. Emphasizing the importance of choice, affordability, and community involvement, we aim to cultivate a competitive marketplace. This initiative is not only a catalyst for economic development but also a strategic move to prepare the town of Longmeadow for the integration of new technologies, supporting advancements in smart energy management, smart water management, remote monitoring and maintenance of town equipment, smart street lighting, remote learning, and telemedicine and remote healthcare.