

MATHEWS BROADBAND ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

30 September 2019 10:00 AM Mathews Memorial Library

Present: Judy Rowe, Rob Quartel, Wyatt Hutson, Chuck Huntley, Bill Vrooman, Julie Kaylor, Kylisa Harris, Dee Russell, Charlene Winter, Hal Bourque, Willie Love; and Amy Dubois & Carol Steele by phone; guest,



Minutes Draft sent to Cynthia Hayes

OPENING: Broadband progress report by phone from Gloucester Deputy County Administrator, Carol Steele:

Cox has done all they are going to do. Gloucester created a base from 911. It is changing every day. They listed vertical assets of 5 towers and 2 water towers. They

needed a competitive service back haul to fiber. RFP for fixed wireless provider needed a carrot. They requested funds from BOS (had reserve fund not spent up to 500K contribution grant match) . These were tax dollars but not income or personal property taxes. They considered it an "investment in the community". They got no response to their RFP. Carol called VATI for Plan B; Suffolk, Charles City working with this company; VATI did not like what they put together; (Saturation rate: if area has more than 10% coverage cannot use VATI money.) went back to Cox; 2 grants one covers 68 homes; 1708 homes in 2nd grant, 270 degrees service area (remaining 90 can be done later).

\$300 additional fees for Mathews homes with access with \$99 install fee, no contract. Would there be any county assistance for Mathews? Grants will be awarded in December. Some changes: need 3 towers now; 2 will reach Mathews. \$39.99 is the threshold; 92% take; 250K per tower in the grant.

MINUTES: approved 5-0

OLD BUSINESS:

By-Laws: approved 5-0

Broadband Moments update: filming to begin this week at MHS.

NEW BUSINESS:

Elect Officers: approved 5-0

Chair, Judy Rowe; Vice-Chair, Nancy Welch;

Secretary, Cynthia Hayes; Media Reporter, Teeny Hughes

Survey: tweaked questions and format; viewed mockup of online version

Launch 11/1/19 - 12/15/19:

Promotion Committee: Teeny Hughes, Wyatt Hutson, Jim Farmer,
Charlene Winter

Access and Distribution Committee: Chuck Huntley, Greg Lewis, Judy Rowe,
Nancy Welch, Dee Russell, Cynthia Hayes,

Collection Committee: Rob Quartel, Bill Vrooman, Judy Rowe

Adjourned

