

Bow Telecommunications Committee

August 8, 2024

Draft Minute

On August 8, 2024, Bow Telecommunications Committee met in Room C at the Bow Municipal Building, 10 Grandview Drive, Bow NH 03304

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dee Treybig called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Chair Dee Treybig, Co-Chair Deb McCann, Bow Community Development Director Karri Makinen and Committee Members Marilee Nihan and Mike Wheeler were present. Select Board Representative Ian Flanagan was present via Google Meeting.

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Minutes from the 8/18/24 were presented for review. A small misspelling edit was made. Mike Wheeler made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Deb McCann. Marilee Nihan abstained. Motion passed 5-0.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. The Isotrope final report was presented for approval. Motion to approve was made by Deb McCann, seconded by Marilee Nihan. Motion passed 6-0.

B. Per Karri Makinen, 3 additional maps were discussed at the last meeting. The Isotrope contract has been completed, any additional maps would incur costs that may have to be approved by the Select Board. There was discussion regarding whether or not this additional expense was warranted, supported by Ian Flanagan, Committee reviewed the map overlays and discussed asking for funding for two additional:

1- Existing coverage without the South Bow Rd. Tower and

2- Proposed total with new towers to add more labeling so that viewers will be able to see major roads.

Marilee offered to update markings with an electronic pen.

A motion was made by Deb McCann to request the additional funds to create the two maps mentioned above, seconded by Mike Wheeler. Motion passed 6-0.

Final approval will be voted on upon receipt of the corrections.

C. The Committee will utilize the Town of Bow Facebook page for posting the upcoming Public presentation and to update the public as to the current status of the RTT Tower, heretofore to be called the Bow Center Rd. Tower. Community Facebook Page. Karri will prepare two separate posts for the meeting and the update.

D. The Committee discussed the presentation slides for the Public Meeting:

1- Describe committee including start date and progress.

2 -Action steps/ two slides.

3- Survey results.

4- History of how the cell tower discussion developed, prior to the present Town Committee.

5- MAPS:

- Coverage that existed before Bow Center Rd. tower
- Coverage showing with Bow Center Rd tower

One of the maps will include a reference sheet showing RF education. Maps will also show disclaimer that tower placement is approximate, pending tower builder site approval. A “Slide Presentation” sub-committee consisting of Dee Treybig, Marilee Nihan and Karri Makinen will “fine tune” the presentation,

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. The RTT tower site on Branch Londonderry Turnpike East is being sold to SBA Communications. The top tier of the tower is working for ATT customers. Coverage has been reported to be better than anticipated. We will try to contact ATT to ask how this has been substantiated (drive-by?).

B. The next Select Board meeting is 8/13/24 @ 6 PM. The Committee will ask for approval of the Isotrope final report and provide a general update. We will make sure the Public Presentation is on the Select Board calendar.

C. Public Presentation 9/9/24 at the Baker Free Library notifications to include:

- Save the date on the Facebook page.
- Put meeting and date on sign at the Community Center.
- Update Facebook page with cell tower progress, including ATT progress, Verizon coming and the 9/9/24 presentation

- Additional notifications via flyers, BMS school sign, White Rock Community newsletter and Concord Monitor.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Sue Wheeler asked the name of the Concord Monitor reporter covering Bow. Dee Treybig replied that is is Sruthi Gopalakrishnan,

VI. FINAL WORDS: Karri Makinen is looking forward to sharing the Committee's September presentation, echoed by the rest of the Committee.

VII. SCHEDULE MEETING

The next meeting date will be 9/5/24, just prior to the public presentation.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mike Wheeler motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 AM, seconded by Deb McCann. Motion passed 6-0

Respectfully submitted,

Deb McCann