

# Town of Princeton, Mass. – May 18, 2017 – 7:30 PM

## Princeton Broadband MLP – Regular Meeting Minutes

*Chairman John Rowell, John Kowaleski, and Richard Chase present;. PBMLP Asst. Mgr. Marty Dell'Erba also present.*

**7:00 PM** John Rowell opened meeting of PBMLP in the Town Hall Annex. Board voted all in favor to approve minutes of May 11, 2017

John K. led discussion regarding the physical aspects of make ready and presented pictures of before and after pole work as well as technical spacing specification documents. Richard Chase requested a copy of pole survey data and John K. will get it to Richard. The group discussed Charter questions in preparation for a scheduled conference call with Charter on Monday 5/22 between 1:00 and 3:00 PM. John K, Richard C. and Marty are planning to attend. Phil G., town resident asked about warranty work and if PBMLD and Verizon would make good any work that was not performed to specifications. John K. described the pole survey and engineering work resulted in the creation of a blueprint for the work required. The group agreed any work contracted for and not performed to specifications would be honored by both Verizon and PMLD. The group is not aware of any work not done according to the blueprint at this time. The group also declined to post what roads in Princeton are make ready complete because one road may be on two pole attachment applications and therefore may not be fully complete. Charter has access to all PBMLP data, including Dropbox and an FTP connection to John K's web site.

Discussion regarding transferring the completed pole attachment licenses to Charter. Should the PBMLP lease or grant? There are advantages and disadvantages to both. Many questions came up regarding the transfer to the Town or to Charter or to keep them under PBMLP. Legal counsel would be sought through the BOS CATV attorney by means of a note to BOS. The PBMLP will work to facilitate the license transfer process to Charter without delay to the network build process. The Board voted to amend and approve the letter to BOS asking the CATV attorney for license transfer advice. Marty will send approved letter to Nina Nazarian, for submittal to BOS. Marty will also send response to Charter questions to Nina on Friday before the Monday call. Marty noted the last Verizon make ready update was May 1 and has requested but not received another update. John K. noted the last pole attachment applications are on the North and East sides of Town and that Verizon uses a Central MA safety detail pool when a detail is required. John R. opened discussion on the PBMLP expense incurred for make ready and if Charter proceeds as certified vendor, would they adhere to the MBI March release that a chosen vendor would provide a network at no additional cost to the Town. John R. asked "Should we challenge the MBI statement considering the town has spent money to perform make ready? John K. suggested we make a plea for reimbursement for make ready through MBI and the agency that is now in charge of disbursing construction funds, Division of Housing and Economic Development. John K. suggested seeking MLP counsel, Jack Ferriter to explore reimbursement and draft a letter. Phil G. asked if a response was received in writing from MBI when MLP requested \$20.00 per pole reimbursement for pole survey costs. Marty replied MBI told him it was only for Towns building their own network, and Princeton was not eligible. Marty to check if response was received in writing, but feels it was a verbal response from MBI. John R. stated should we request construction reimbursement from MBI and or HED, than a copy should be sent to our local legislator. We will need a copy of the DTC public notice, "no added costs to the Town". All were in favor to request in writing reimbursement for construction costs from MBI and HED. The group discussed the 5<sup>th</sup> board member procedures and appointment at joint MLP/BOS meeting on 6/12.

**9:20 PM** Board voted all in favor to adjourn.

*Respectfully submitted, Marty Dell'Erba, Assistant MLP Manager*

