

## Princeton Broadband MLP - Regular Meeting Minutes

Town of Princeton, MA, Town Hall Annex

May 25, 2017 - 7:30 PM

Present: Chairman: John Rowell, John Kowaleski, Richard Chase, Harold Strock;  
also PBMLP Asst. Mgr. Marty Dell'Erba

- I. Chairman. Rowell called the meeting to order at 7:30pm
- II. Minutes of the May 18, 2017 meeting unanimously approved as written.
- III. Discussion items
  - M D'E presented his findings regarding compliance with Verizon Form 8 extension-of-period terms beyond the 6mo time limit that is expressly written. The board unanimously voted to submit a formal letter of extension request to Verizon to assure PBMLP is in full compliance with the Form 8 deadline of May 28, 2017.
  - M D'E spoke with Verizon legal counsel, Terrance Tolland, regarding timing of pole license transfer to Charter. No action taken.
  - RC with JK raised issues with quality control of make ready work submitted as "done". The current status of three specific poles was found to be inconsistent with engineering survey requirements and Form 3 entries. The problems were within application #1, a group of 200 poles of which 75 required make ready work. This finding raises a significant issue of undetermined magnitude. A complete quality control survey of finished pole work vastly exceeds the human resources of the PBMLP.

**Action Steps:** JK to merge multiple pole databases to enable / simplify direct comparison of UCSEng survey pole-requirements with the various Verizon Form 3 needs and tasks data sheets. MLP data input is likely needed as well. The board will help identify discrepancies, work added and dropped. The status of work on selected poles will be determined. A sample "error rate" will be derived.

- M D'E reports no recent progress reports from Verizon.
- Subject: Charter pole survey car seen in area.
- Subject: MLP closeout - no discussion, status pending
- JR introduced topic: EOHED to grant \$20mm MBI monies, wants PBMLP to seek funds

**Action Steps:** JR has been exploring opportunities for grant monies.

It appears PBMLP has "one chance" to tap into what is left of the \$20mm in EOHED funds. JR has committed to preparing a "REPORT" – I write this in CAPS because this is a VERY MAJOR undertaking on John's part. It will be prepared in coordination with BOS. It will address \$910k in construction and \$640k in system design funds as well as MBI's promise to Comcast and Charter of "at no cost to the towns" -- and what that meant / means!

- PBMLP fifth board member decision expected in early June (write-in period still open?)

IV. Meeting adjourned at 9:28pm

Respectfully submitted, Harold B. Strock, clerk      5/26/17