

BROADBAND AND MOBILE COMMUNICATION WORKING GROUP COMMITTEE

A subcommittee of the Kent Board of Selectmen Minutes

Special Meeting Wednesday, April 10, 2024

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By Darlene Brady at 12:16 pm, Apr 15, 2024

- 1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order on Zoom at 4:02 p.m.
- 2. Attending were committee members: Jonathan Edelman, Rick Osborne, Ken Cooper, Khalid Wasti, Steve Pener, Lynn Worthington, Eric Roper, and alternates Bill Watts and Rick Welsh. Also attending, Jillian Kara and Nadya Hoolahan of CT DEEP; Jill Drew, Sharon Connect Task Force; Kathryn Boughton.
- **3.** Approval of minutes Jonathan moved to approve minutes from April 3, motion was seconded by Eric and all were in favor.
- 4. Public comment on agenda items None
- **5.** Update on State of CT DEEP's BEAD (Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment) Program and Kent's participation: Committee heard from Nadya Hoolahan and Jillian Kara of DEEP, who provided details on the challenge and rebuttal process.

Discussion followed on best way to capture speed-test screen shots; Lynn informed committee that town insurer doesn't want to cover volunteers visiting homes to help with tests.

- **6.** Survey: Lynn discussed survey results.
- 7. Lynn asked for help in collecting screenshots. Jonathan said willing to help. Steve said he work on putting together a PDF with screenshots that would serve as a tutorial on the testing process.
- 8. Next meeting Wed., April 17 at 4 PM
- 9. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:26 PM

Supporting documentation for the meeting:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1wcekdIPRjDDMAO8KelsdU-TVHx4BNCz9?usp=sharing

Respectfully submitted,

William Watts

These are draft minutes and the Broadband and Mobile Communications Committee at a subsequent meeting may make corrections. Please refer to subsequent meeting minutes for possible corrections.