

Minutes of the Broadband Committee
Town of Charlemont
January 6, 2016

- The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.
- This was a special meeting of the Broadband Committee along with the select board and members of the finance committee.
- Committee members present: Bob Handsaker, Cheryl Handsaker, Trevor Mackie, Doug White
- Others present: Beth Bandy, Sarah Reynolds, Toby Gould, Amy Wales, Ron Smith

- We reviewed the draft RFP from MBI and the comments received by Bob Handsaker from members of the broadband committee and other boards.
- Several people present said they thought we should have received the entire text of the RFP, not excerpts and several questioned whether there was any legal reason not to send the entire RFP to the towns for public comment.
- It was agreed that the main response should come from the broadband committee, as the select board had already sent a preliminary response.
- We agreed to not make a detailed point-by-point response, since we did not have the full text of the RFP.
- We agreed that Bob Handsaker should draft a response letter incorporating the major feedback from the group. We agreed that the select board would review the draft response at their meeting on January 11 and would consider signing the letter. The broadband committee will also post a meeting for January 11 to review and sign the response. The finance committee will have a chance to review and endorse the response if they choose to do so at their meeting on Friday, January 15.

- Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.