

## **AGENDA**

### **BROADBAND COMMITTEE TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 2021 ONLINE INTERACTIVE BY ZOOM 6:30 p.m.**

1. Adjustments to the agenda
2. Approve minutes of 3/09/21 committee meeting
3. Elect committee chair
  - We need to elect a new chairperson, to succeed Chris Norris
4. Survey results and actions
  - Survey results, and conclusions
  - Discussion of closing the survey (removing it from the Town of Union website)
  - Business survey
5. Discussion of alternative courses of action
  - Team with LCI in some way, likely involving grant applications and supplemental town funding, to build out LCI's fiber network, and connect it to all homes and businesses
  - Seek special funding (likely a bond issue) to support building a municipally-owned fiber network, to be run as an open network, that spans the town and is connected to all homes and businesses; possibly in conjunction with the Midcoast Internet Coalition
  - Variations on these, or something entirely different
6. Discussion of update to Selectmen
  - What do we want to tell the Selectmen re where we are, where we're heading, and how close we are to formulating a recommendation?
7. Next steps
  - Request selectmen to approve Coalition's "Guiding Principles" (below) as a statement of the Coalition's objectives, in order to continue active participation in the Coalition's ongoing discussions. (Approval does not require a funding commitment at this time.)
  - Other
  - Date and objectives for next meeting
8. Adjourn

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## **Midcoast Internet Coalition**

### **Guiding Principles**

- Establish a regional utility district through interlocal agreement as permitted by State law
- Build a Fiber to the Premises (FTTP) internet network to provide cheaper, faster and better high-speed internet access
- Ensure that the network is open access, inviting multiple providers to deliver services to residents and businesses which will offer a range of products, pricing options and competition
- Establish a minimum symmetrical speed of 100 Mbps for download / upload to be provided by any service provider leasing the utility's dark fiber network with the capability of providing symmetrical 1 Gig for users choosing that option
- Provide universal access to all residences and businesses within the geographic region of the utility
- Best in class customer support with locally managed and operated offices