

**Minutes for
Rockport Technology Task Force
Wednesday, March 30, 2016**

Present Members

John V.
Debra H.
Emmet S.
Steve H.
Gus N.

Not Present

Ari M.

Other

Geoff Parker
Rick Bates
Jamie

Review Adventure Advertising Proposal

- Online credit card payments
- Newsletter
- Calendar
- Technology
- Front Page
- Home Page Update
- Support

\$2400 total budget

Deb makes motion to recommend to town manager to move forward with Adventure Advertising proposal for upgrades to rockportmaine.com website

Steve seconded

Unanimous Vote

Discuss need to form Community Broadband Team

- Purpose to apply for ConnectME grant to cover portion of engineering study fee for fiber to premise town wide

Move to Community Broadband Meeting

- a. As an extension of the Technology Committee, we are also serving as the Community Broadband Team
- b. Reviewed applicability of Tilson Report
 - i. Discussion about fiber to home vs fiber/hybrid solution.
- c. Discussion about sharing of report costs with Rockland and Owls Head

- Jamie led discussion through requirements for grant application using the precertification checklist
- Discuss need for education - Get information to the public on how residents can check their own Internet service
- Consider adding cellular to the page 5 chart in tilson report
- Reviewed benefits of Wi-fi in town (opera house, harbor, business, home business)
- Discuss vision statement priorities (Business, Health, Education, Economic, Service to Residents, Quality of Life)
- Jamie is working to have grant application submitted by April 15th.

Adjourned Community Broadband team meeting

Return to Technology Task Force meeting

- Discussion about what we need to be doing in advance of June town meeting
- Schedule next meeting for 4/8 - 10am - Rockport Town Office
- Steve H advised that minutes will be available for first 2 meetings at the 4/8 meeting

Meeting Adjourned