

**Minutes for
Rockport Technology Task Force
Friday, April 8, 2016**

Present Members

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

Not Present

Ari M.
Gus N.

Other

Geoff Parker
Rick Bates
Joe S.

John thanks Geoff for all the work he is doing for driving tech in town, at the opera house, etc...

John stated that the primary purpose of today's meeting is to discuss tasks we need to undertake in advance of June town meeting

Identify resources that we can provide that educate the residents and provide tools to help them make a discussion

- Provide printed materials that identify 3 types of users - Basic, Intermediate, Power

Introduce/Support the concept not the details

- Keep it high level

Review materials prepared by Debra

Discuss being an open provider network with certain requirements and SLA's

Need to identify key questions that residents will ask and the answers.

Identified Questions....

- Why should the Town get involved with fiber?
- How much digital speed, volume and reliability will the average household or business need in five or 10 years?
- Why is competition for digital services good for the average person or business?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of fiber and cable digital services?
- Have other cities done this?
- Will I get better service?
- Who maintains the system and what's that going to cost?
- Will fiber cost me more or less money?

Utilize Next Century Cities for initial answers on each question.

Discuss tax effect of study and how that relates to potential buildout.

- Every \$100,000 we increase is \$.10 mil rate change so \$300,000 study is \$.30 mil rate
- Steve to look into creating a tool to show tax impact based on valuation

Discuss getting 5 residents to use as examples....

- Need to Identify 5 potential residents....

Next meeting date - 4/19 noon