

AD-HOC BROADBAND COMMITTEE

TOWN OF HOLLAND

August 18, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT	Chair Jeff Herlitzke, Mike McRill and Jared Thompson
ABSENT	Park Kelley, Shawn Hicks

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Herlitzke called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Notices were properly posted.

MINUTES

Motion by McRill/Thompson to approve minutes of June 21, 2021. **MOTION** carried.

CITIZENS CONCERNS: none given.

UPDATE ON GRANT APPLICATION

Herlitzke discussed the webinar and research he conducted in which the only way we can continue is to work with a provider. Thompson also watched the webinar and agreed.

Herlitzke reported he was on contact with Mike Hill of Spectrum, government accounts and relations representative. They discussed the area and needs. Hill noted Spectrum received a recent award that includes a very small portion of the Town of Holland, specifically Flaten Road and the very northern part by the Black River, but does not run all the way to the end of Heram Road. They also discussed other areas on the PSC map, in which it is designated as 25 mb or more speeds. Herlitzke and Hill agreed that information is incorrect, as well as the PSC from a recent webinar.

Herlitzke reported they reviewed two maps, one showing current award winning areas as well as the PSC. Hill had explained how to use them and Herlitzke demonstrated on the big screen for committee members. Herlitzke also shared a 911 map with Hill.

Herlitzke suggested the next step is to start gathering real statistics and real speed test numbers from the residents in the “under-served” areas to prove need and add to the application. Discussion followed on how best to accomplish this task. It was the consensus to focus on areas east of Highway 53, A Johnson Road and Amsterdam Prairie Road running north and south. It was agreed that the west seems to be in better shape for now.

ASSIGNED TASKS

- Herlitzke: talk to the Clerk and see if we can have an email list or what the cost is for a postcard mailing. He will also speak with the Clerk about open records laws with an ad hoc work committee on “reply all” for quicker/easier communications.
- McRill: will put together the data request that we need and how to obtain it.
- Thompson: will work on verbiage for a postcard or email.

NEXT MEETING: No date set.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by McRill/Thompson to adjourn. **MOTION** carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Notes translated by Marilyn Pedretti, Town Clerk