

# Scribed Meeting Notes

## Meeting

Downtown Committee, Town of Vinalhaven, 5pm, Tuesday, May 1, 2018

S/H	CURRENT	GOALS	OPPORTUNITIES	CHALLENGES
<b>Town Manager, Andrew Dorr</b>	Looking ahead at issues and opportunities Lots has changed over time; change is constant	Ongoing maintenance and improvements in infrastructure: utilities, capital projects SLR can't be ignored Aging in place Economic development Broadband RFP by early June	Current RFP to look at engineering plan for improvements to be made for downtown during road construction What can happen at the same time? Bury utility lines? Work on water? Put in Broadband? Rise sidewalks? RFP Design process	Funding SLR Right of ways – ownership? use? Minimize impact of construction of improvements Realistic timeframe
<b>Board of Select Persons (BSP), Eric Davis</b>	Looking at SLR, broadband, capital improvements	Sidewalks Bank to Library and water pipes with road improvements Broadband resolved– plan and brought to town for vote	Road improvements offer chance to make changes DT Broadband important for economy	Burying power and phone lines a problem for maintenance and SLR? Complete street– would they work? Be safe?
<b>Board of Select Persons (BSP), Phil Crossman</b>	SLR, sidewalks	Sidewalks SLR adaptation Preserve DT, not abandon DT economic development	Changes can bring economic development opportunities	
<b>Broadband Task Force, Janann Sherman</b>	Prompted by Tilson Report 28 Main Survey Service map Events Wind articles	Town-wide broadband	\$ available Cable in place for much of the distance required 1000MB service Connect Maine Many learning opportunities, conferences, etc. Phil has identified a possible “champion”	Funding – cost 3.5 mil + 570 household/site cost Capacity / a “champion” to lead the initiative Building critical public support NH involvement
<b>Chamber of Commerce, Sue Lafricain</b>	Business support	Sidewalks and broadband		
<b>FIEC, Chip Farrington</b>	5% remaining work on 2013-16 plan to improve/replace regulators and transformers	Reliability 2017-2020 Workplan includes VH-NH cable to include 26 strands fiber	Suggest including burying lines in RFP More cable helps broadband efforts	Burying lines expensive but not impossible Everything must be buried– phone, cable, power Everything must go underground, otherwise “boxes” are on sidewalk
<b>Sidewalk Committee</b>	Not currently meeting Assessment done in 2006, Continued work to garner support	Safe, accessible sidewalks town-wide	Sidewalk improvements with road construction	
<b>SLR Committee, Margaret Qualey, Linnell Mather</b>	Learning the data Informing the public Studies– Ransom, etc. DT is VULNERABLE	Involve all Adaptation Keep learning Remap Fema?	SLR at forefront of all planning	Funding–HUGE cost Consider Ferry If raising, how high? Change– a moving target Some businesses at SL now Does burying cable/lines make sense?
<b>DT Committee</b>	Gathering information for plan	Master Plan	Broadband Capital improvements PW building RFP to engineering firms with SLR experience ME historic preservation funding? GROW ME	Private funding SLR