

Bow Telecommunications Committee

June 3, 2024

FINAL Minutes

On June 3, 2024, Bow Telecommunications Committee met in Room C at the Bow Municipal Building, 10 Grandview Drive, Bow NH 03304

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dee Treybig called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM. Chair Dee Treybig, Co-Chair Deb McCann, Bow Community Development Director Karri Makinen, Committee Members Mike Wheeler and Marilee Nihan were present. Mike Lawton from Isotrope, LLC joined via Zoom.

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Minutes from the 5/21/24 were presented for review. Karri Makinen corrected the spelling of her name in two spots. Deb McCann motioned to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded by Mike Wheeler. Motion passed 5-0.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Mike Lawton, Isotrope LL RF Engineer assigned to the Bow Telecom Propagation Plan shared new maps with overlays and 180' tower height at Dunbarton Center Rd area and more that were requested at the 5/3/2024 meeting.

B. The first map showed moving a possible tower off Branch Londonderry Tpke West into Dunbarton to see if coverage improved. The improvement was more on the Dunbarton side, no appreciable improvement in Bow. In fact, there were more gaps in Bow that we hadn't seen before. The second map showed the existing RTT tower with three additional towers on Dunbarton Center Rd at 180 feet, Branch Londonderry Tpke West/Page Rd area at 180 feet and at the tennis courts and BMS baseball field area at 120 feet or higher.

C. Ian Flanagan was unable to be present today. Dee Treybig reported on the Select Board Meeting update of 5/28/24. Dee's report was well received. The Select Board requested to review the full survey for approval and not just the listed questions shown at this meeting. This delays the time survey sent out, but they promised to approve at the 6/4/24 meeting so it could be sent out the following day.

D. The final survey was again reviewed. Marilee Nihan suggested adding a "heads up" on the intro page that alerted readers to all information available in the Committee Minutes and that a Forum will be scheduled. An additional question regarding the proposed Public Forum tentatively scheduled for early Fall was also added. The Forum will also be streamed, but if we have an idea of how many people will attend, we can judge which venue to reserve. The Survey will go out in multiple places this week, closing on 6/21/24.

E. Karri Makinen requested clarifying what the Isotrope, LLC will deliver. Mike Lawton confirmed that the final report with recommendations will be available for our next meeting 6/28/24. Aside from this, Isotrope LLC will make itself available for any further assistance the Committee requests, i.e. RFPs to various tower builders/speculators, by-law updates, etc. Mike will also provide Karri with the recommended tower placements to be printed on a large map for display. Mike Wheeler requested that the existing towers and proposed towers be highlighted in different colors to differentiate. Karri noted that not every carrier is on every tower, so individual consumer experience will be different depending on what carrier they have.

F. Dee Treybig noted that she had been given a contact at Industrial Communications (tower builder) who had installed a tower at Holcomb Field in Nashua with lights that could possibly move the high school lights forward. A propagation map was requested showing a light tower at the BHS Track/Football Field instead of the tennis court/baseball field across White Rock Hill Road for this purpose. Mike Lawton will forward when completed.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Construction continues for the Rising Tide Tower site on Branch Londonderry Turnpike East. The tower is up and visible with First Net contents on it now, but cellular activation with AT & T and possibly Verizon by September still not active.

B. Committee Next steps:

1. Schedule distribution of survey to community center, library, White Rock Senior Center, school communications, Bow FB pages after 6/4 selectboard approval.
2. Print 2 large cellular propagation maps (4x5' or 4x4') containing current towers and projected tower areas for public information session and to have in Meeting Room C for viewing with other town maps. Karri M. will get files from Isotrope and print at Staples.
3. Assess venue options for Public Forum - library or high school auditorium? Added a survey question to ask how many people would want to attend a meeting to determine how many people may want to attend to determine the best venue.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

VI. FINAL WORDS

Karri Makinen and Deb McCann reported looking forward to survey results. Marilee said she is happy with the Committee's work so far, much more in depth than she had ever expected. Mike Wheeler said "onward and upward !!"

VII. SCHEDULE MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for 6/28/2024 @ 9 AM.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mike Wheeler motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 AM, seconded by Karri Makinen. Motion passed 5-0