Town of Fletcher – Select Board Fletcher Town Clerk's Office Monday, January 14, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Present:

Members:

Jon Bondy, Matt Gillilan, Christine E. Nilsen

Guests:

None.

1) Call to Order

Jon called the meeting to order at 7:45pm.

2) Correspondence

The Board reviewed a letter from Mansfield Community Fiber (attached) in regards to leasing a 10'x15' parcel of Town land for a communication building. They would like to utilize the back corner of the Town Office property. They would be responsible for the construction of the building and all utilities. While the Board is in support of this request, a rental fee has not been agreed upon. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

3) Regular Board Business

Andrea Zamuda and Joyce Eckman submitted letters of interest for the open Auditor position. Christine will contact them and speak about the position and report back to the Board at next Monday's meeting.

The Board continued discussing the FY20 budget.

The Board discussed the interior lighting at the Town Garage.

4) Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.

Upcoming Meetings:

Regular Meeting: Monday, January 21, 2019 at 7:00pm at the Town Office

Jon Bondy, Chair

Matt Ğillilan

Christine E. Nilser



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January 12, 2019

Attn: Jon Bondy, Chairman

Dear sirs/madams:

MCFiber is building a fiber optic network to serve the citizens and businesses of Fletcher as well as parts of adjacent towns to the north and east. You were kind enough to provide us an opportunity to discuss this project with you some months ago. Since then, progress has been steady, but slow (due to the lengthy process for obtaining licenses to attach our fiber to existing utility poles). However, this is process is nearing its end and we expect to receive pole licenses for the first sections in late April, 2019. With that in sight we are actively planning construction so as to begin shortly thereafter.

One important remaining item is the location of the "hub" at the center of the network. This "hub" would consist of a small, unmanned building approximately $10' \times 15'$ that would be insulated, heated/cooled, powered and secure. It would also be permanent since the entire network will be engineered to home in on this central facility making it difficult to move it to another location. 1

For this reason our preference would be to lease a small plot of ground just sufficient to hold a building of the above size somewhere on the land occupied by the Fletcher Town Offices. Such placement would provide the desirable security and permanence and, thereby, greatly assist the design and stability of the Fletcher network.

We fully understand that this is a decision that needs to be carefully examined by the Select Board, which is why we are bringing it to you well before the date when we would actually need the hub to be in place (i.e. the end of April, 2019).

Please advise us regarding the best way to proceed with this request.

Sincerely

Dr. Timothy Nulty, CEO

MCFiber Inc.

¹ At one point we considered purchasing or building an actual manned office which would have included the technical equipment hub. We have now decided postpone this because we still don't know how far north and east our network may ultimately grow and building such a large and expensive facility at this time is premature.