

**DRAFT MEETING MINUTES FOR THE PORTSMOUTH CABLE
COMMISSION
ON COMMUNITY BROADBAND**

LEGAL DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE ROOM, 4TH FLOOR, CITY HALL, 1
JUNKINS AVE. DATE: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2017 AT 4:30 PM

Committee Members Present: Nick Kirsch, Rob Capone,

Absent: John Bosen, Thomas Martin

City Staff: Nancy Carmer, Suzanne Woodland, City Attorney; Economic Development Program Manager; Alan Brady, IT Manager

Nick Kirsch opened up the meeting at 4:30 pm

Open discussion:

- Nick Kirsch summarized the subcommittee's charge and actions for Mr. Brady.
- Committee activity to date includes analysis of potential benefits of community broadband for business and educational opportunities as well as more inclusive access to residents for high speed internet. Other committee due diligence includes smart city research and conversations with representatives of NH Division of Business and Economic Affairs, Fujitsu Corporation, UNH and School Department.
- Alan Brady provided an overview of the internet providers in the Portsmouth market and the current internet capacity and speed at City of Portsmouth facilities. Sixteen municipal buildings are served by fiber and are interconnected. City puts its own equipment (Gray fiber) over it for unlimited access point to point.
- There are free WIFI hotspots scattered throughout downtown on old equipment donated by Cisco and installed through a grant awarded to the City/Chamber of Commerce.
- Discussion ensued about potential ability of City to manage community broadband at the local level and the cost.
- Next Steps: Nick Kirsch intends to wrap up the committee work by year-end and will begin writing a draft report with recommendations for next steps.
- Mr. Kirsch would like to report back to the City Council potentially at the December 18th meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.