

BOOTHBAY HARBOR
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
Broadband Workshop with LCI
April 10, 2023

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ATTENDING: Michael Tomko - Chair
Tricia Warren – Vice Chair
Alyssa Allen
Denise Griffin
Kenneth Rayle

Julia Latter, Town Manager

Chairman Tomko called the Workshop to order at 6:00 p.m.

Alan Hinsey and Randal Manning from LCI Fiber Optics gave a presentation on their company's fiber services.

- Funding includes the use of their own capital combined with ConnectME Grants, MCA Grants, Federal Grants, and innovative municipal partnerships.
- Services available include internet, phone, and television streaming packages.
- Fiber is the best platform and knows for the best connectivity. An example of something you can do with fiber or point-to-point service, that you can't with a cable would be telehealth.

Vice Chair Warren asked if we are not deemed underserved does that mean we would have to fund the project on our own as underserved communities would be eligible for grant funding?

Mary Ellen Barnes from Lincoln County Regional Planning mentioned the goal is to have the town hear from all three companies. They are neutral about whatever the town chooses. Once the town finalizes which company they want they can work on the MCA grant.

It would be profitable if multiple towns would choose LCI together.

The board generally agrees that they want to see 100% fiber to the door.

After hearing from Spectrum the next step would be to formulate a plan to move forward and look into funding options other than grants.

MOVE TO ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.