

Information Technology Advisory Committee (ITAC)
Town of Belmont
29 November 2018
Conference Room 1

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APPROVED MINUTES

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Voting Members Present

- Paul Roberts <gmail.com!paulroberts> (chair) (VM)
- Glenn Wong <gmail.com!glennpwong> (vice chair) (VM)
- Dave Goldberg <verizon.net!david.goldberg6> (secretary) (VM)
- Jim Berets <verizon.net!jberets> (VM)
- Phil Lawrence <live.com!plaw> (VM)
- Charles Smart <verizon.net!cnsmart> (founding chair) (VM)
- Jonathan Green <gmail.com!green.jbg> (VM)

Town Staff Present:

- Robin Tillberg (IT Manager, Belmont Municipal Light Department)
<belmontlight.com!rtillberg> (TS)
- Chris Roy (General Manager, Belmont Municipal Light Department)

Key:

VM = Voting ITAC Member
NVM = Non-Voting Member
FBL = Friend of Belmont Library
TS = Town Staff

Meeting called to order at 7:37PM

Minutes of the 9 October 2018 meeting approved as amended.

Paul Roberts noted that we are web casting this on Zoom and also recording the meeting.

Glenn Wong introduced Chris Roy, the general manager of the Light Department. Chris gave a presentation on his ideas for municipal broadband. Chris was formerly at Concord Light for about ten years and launched a municipal broadband there. Chris is also on a committee in his home town, Harvard, to do the same there. Chris shared a report by Harvard University on Concord's municipal broadband implementation <<http://nrs.harvard.edu/urn-3:HUL.InstRepos:30201055>>. Chris also shared the Concord system's price list <<http://www.concordnet.org/481/Service-Plans-Pricing>>. Chris spoke about the experience documented in the report and the potential for doing something similar in Belmont, taking advantage of ongoing work to keep the cost down. Chris views municipal broadband as a benefit and is trying to find out if it is something Belmont would consider.

Paul Roberts provided a draft of our response to the Capital requests based on our discussion at the last meeting. We reviewed the draft, made some suggested improvements. Glenn Wong made a motion to approve the report pending one clarification of a vendor name. The motion carried unanimously.

Paul Roberts provided a readout of the 21st Century Government subcommittee. Paul described the results of the committee survey. There appears to be fairly strong support for remote access to meetings, both for public and member participation. Paul also noted that the response to date of the public survey is good but we are keeping it open for another couple of weeks to try to get a larger sample. The subcommittee intends to have a report presented to the full ITAC by early January.

Glenn Wong reported that the subcommittee on Technology, Cybersecurity and Public Health will be meeting shortly to develop a document describing the protocols they are developing for setting up speakers/forums for eventual presentation to the full ITAC.

Next meeting scheduled for 10 January 2019 at 7:30PM

Meeting adjourned at 9:30PM