BOOTHBAY HARBOR SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES Workshop with Spectrum Charter Communications April 24, 2023

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ATTENDING: Michael Tomko - Chair Tricia Warren – Vice Chair Kenneth Rayle

Julia Latter, Town Manager

Chairman Tomko called the Workshop to order at 6:01 p.m.

Melinda Kinny from Spectrum Charter Communications gave a presentation on their company's fiber services.

Some facts presented included the network is available to 466,000 homes and businesses across the state, they have 753 employees based in Maine, and they serve over 295 communities.

The network is available to 2,814 homes and businesses in Boothbay Harbor as of today. Speeds available include the baseline entry speed of 300×10 , other packages include 500×35 , and there are also two low-income broadband packages available.

Goals include having all symmetrical services by the end of 2025 at no extra cost to the customer. Goals also include offering seamless connectivity and having broadband that can incorporate broadband service, video service, landline service, and mobile product service.

Network evolution includes moving to one gig symmetrical and then to five gigs symmetrical with the goal that we reach ten gig symmetrical. Any extensions done now include fiber to the home.

A suggestion was made to have an engineer come back and do a more detailed presentation with the broadband committee and answer more network and technical questions.

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 6:46 p.m.