## A Checklist To Ensure Meetings Are Compliant With The Right-to-Know Law During The State Of Emergency Coös Broadband Committee Meeting February 24, 2021

Michelle Moren-Grey read the following:

Due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this public body is authorized to meet electronically.

Please note that there is no physical location to observe and listen to this meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, I am confirming that we are:

Utilizing Zoom for this electronic meeting and all members of the Committee have the ability to communicate during this meeting through this platform, and the public has access to listen and, if necessary, participate in this meeting through dialing the following phone # (929 436 2866) and Meeting ID: 874 2593 8489 and Pass Code: 287248, or by clicking on the Zoom Meeting link provided in the agenda.

We previously gave notice to the public of the necessary information for accessing the meeting, including how to access the meeting using Zoom or telephonically.

If anybody has a problem, please call (603) 444-6303 ext 2014 or email at <u>mmoren@nccouncil.org</u>.

In the event the public is unable to access the meeting, the meeting will be adjourned and rescheduled. Please note that all votes that are taken during this meeting shall be done by roll call vote.

We will start the meeting by taking a roll call attendance. Please state your full name, the entity being represented, and whether there is anyone in the room with you during this meeting, which is required under the Right-to Know law.

Pamela Laflamme	Berlin	n	Kathleen Kelley Randolph		у
Sharon Geller	Carroll	у	Clayton Macdonald	Stratford	n
John White	Clarksville	t	Peter Corey	Town of Whitefield	у
Sharon Penney	Colebrook	npn	Lori Langlois	NCES	у
Norman Cloutier	Columbia	у	Gregor Stocks	Technical Assistanc	У
Erik Johnson	Dalton	n	Lise Howsen	CEDC	у
Wayne Moynihan	Dummer	У	Jennifer Fish	Coös County Administrator	у
Julia Gilmore	Jefferson	nbn	Michelle Moren-Grey	RPC/EDD	у
Joe Marshall	Jefferson	nbn	Carol Miller	Technical Assistance	у
Ben Gaetjens-Oleson	Lancaster	nbn	Linda Harris	Coös County Admin Asst	у
Robin Irving	Northumberland	у			

Bill Darcy and Bob Cruickshank presented information to the committee on NH Broadband. Individuals have been working in Coös County since last summer in the areas north and east of Laperles IGA, Clarksville and Stewartstown.

Information was provided on the nhbroadband.com website. People may input their physical address to find out if the broadband service is available or if it will be available at some point.

Michele Cota, Special Assistant for Policy & Projects, Office of US Senator Jeanne Shaheen and Ted Trippi, Legislative Aide, Office of US Senator Jeanne Shaheen provided updates on:

- Starlink availability
- Lifeline program: reduced rates for certain individuals and expanded eligibility
- An emergency broadband benefit program was passed in December roll out has been extremely slow
- Northern Borders Regional Commission grant materials will be up March 8; applications may be submitted between April 15 and May 15.
- USDA Reconnect Program may have a third round of funds.

Carol Miller asked Ted for a monthly blurb in order to keep the committee updated.

Approval of January 27, 2021 meeting minutes: A motion was made by Wayne Moynihan, seconded by Carol Miller to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved by roll call.

Sharon Geller	Carroll	у	Kathleen Kelley	Randolph	у
Norman Cloutier	Columbia	у	Peter Corey	Town of Whitefield	у
Wayne Moynihan	Dummer	у	Lori Langlois	NCES	у
Robin Irving	Northumberland	у	Gregor Stocks	Technical Assistanc	у
Lise Howsen	CEDC	У	Michelle Moren-Grey	RPC/EDD	у
Jennifer Fish	Coös County Administrator	у	Carol Miller	Technical Assistance	у

Michelle will email to the committee members a list of the towns that haven't joined. Kathleen stated that the Town of Randolph is reluctant to send their data.

Michelle reported that future goals include to encourage the towns that haven't joined to do so. Also, she will be working on completing and submitting the two grants.

Carol offered to contact Starlink for a brief presentation at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Harris Coös County Administrative Assistant