



**Clark Lake Advancement Association
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Date: November 20, 2020 Time: 3PM
FCC Call-In**

Call meeting to order (Minutes Taken by Kathy Steinmetz)

Roll Call (A: absent; E: excused; P: present) - Quorum Present

1	Mike Brunet (2023) President	P	6	Bob Defaut (2022)	E	11	Heather Smith (2022)	P
2	Gwen Graboyes (2023) Vice-President	E	7	Richard Martin (2021)	P	12	Betty Van Bellinger (2023)	P
3	Sue Oldenburg, (2021) Treasurer	E	8	Fred Foreman (2021)	E	13	Mark Weisse (2022)	P
4	Kathy Steinmetz, (2023) Secretary	P	9	John Meyer (2022)	E	14	Chuck Birringer (2022)	P
5	Pat Canney (2020)	E	10	Ralph Dunn (2021)	P	15	Christine Moe (2021)	E

Meeting Called to Order 3:06 PM

New Business-

Review and approve letter of support to be sent to the Town of Sevastopol, to be submitted to PSC (Public Service Commission) to secure a grant to improve Broadband in the area. Deadline for grant submission is December 1, 2020.

Discussion regarding the attached letter—all in attendance agreed that the letter was well written (by Mark Weisse) and did not endorse any single broadband company, it simply stated the case for the need for better broadband service in our area. (The Township of Sevastopol requested organizational letters in support of pursuing a grant for expanding broadband.) The grant application is a joint application, which includes Egg Harbor, Jacksonport and Sevastopol. The board members in attendance agreed that the letter is generic enough, that it could be used in the future if the board were to receive additional requests for letters of support to expand broadband.

A motion to approve sending the letter was made by Dick Martin. Mark Weisse seconded the motion. All in favor 8-0, the motion passed. Mike Brunet will email the letter to the Township of Sevastopol today, 11/20/20.

Adjourn – Motion to Adjourn at 3:24 pm was made by Chuck Birringer, 2nd by Heather Smith. All in favor—Meeting adjourned at 3:24pm.

Date of next regular board meeting: May, 08, 2021(830AM Jacksonport Park Pavilion, FCC available if needed or for inclement weather.)

Proposed letter

18 Nov 2020

Public Service Commission of Wisconsin

Dear Sirs

This is a letter requesting support to improve broadband internet access to the Clark Lake area.

Clark Lake here in Door County is bisected by the town line between Jacksonport and Sevastopol. The Clark Lake Advancement Association represents the interests of over 220 families. The majority of our members are seasonal residents and there are also several weekly rental properties around the lake. A small but growing percentage are year-round residents.

We have heard complaints about the lack of reliable broadband from all sectors of our community. Residents are restricted in their access to educational, entertainment and employment opportunities. Those with rental properties are at a competitive disadvantage when potential customers find there are not reliable internet connections. Many are limited in their use of Facetime or Zoom to stay connected with family and friends. Residents remote use of security systems for cold temperature alarms, water system breakage alarms, and unauthorized entry alarms is compromised due to lack of a reliable communication system. They cannot monitor their property when they are away. CLAA had their monthly meetings outside because the Jacksonport town hall has been closed to outside organizations due to COVID. There has been inadequate bandwidth to do video conferencing to Door County residents. Audio conferencing has been difficult due to spotty reception.

This year many members sought refuge here from the city but with the increased demand for service and the resulting decline in bandwidth access they were frustrated and isolated. It is not unusual to hear of members sitting in library parking lots using public access internet to keep up on their work.

We encourage the Public Service Commission to support any and all efforts to improve broadband access (tower, fiber optic cable, Satellite, etc.) to our community to increase consistent and reliable availability in the Jacksonport and Sevastopol area.

Thank you for your consideration of any programs that can improve our situation.

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