

IMB Quarterly Meeting Minutes
6/24/25

Members Present: Trevor Blackford; John Rex-Waller; Barry Wherren

GWI in Attendance: Donna Durkin; Will Duquette; Tom Gilford;

Others in Attendance: Frank Start; Bruce Walker

Meeting called to order at 4:03pm

Quorum was established.

John Rex-Waller moved that Chairmanship be transferred to Barry Wherren, and this was passed. Barry conducted the meeting.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

Minutes of the 4/16/25 Meeting were approved

Board Membership:

Two members of the Board had completed their terms, Vicki Conover and Laura Graff, and so have resigned from the Board. We wish to thank them for their good service. Elections to replace those will be held at the next Board Meeting on 9/9/25. The Town will be notified to post the openings so interested candidates can apply. Peter Rothschild is now Select Board representative for the Board, replacing Pete Anderson as ExOfficio member.

GWI Contractor Report - Page Clason:

Page reported that in general supplies are adequate, and that he will be ordering some additional items. He mentioned concerns that the spares are not all in one place (stored in different areas of the island), and that the bucket truck is not under cover.

Barry said he would look into solutions for consolidating the spares storage in one secure accessible location, and would explore possibilities for getting the truck under cover. The old roof that was used on the Health Center Annex was thought to be available.

Page reported that IMB has a small portable generator should it be needed.

Business:

- **GWI Maintenance and Upgrades:** There was discussion about the GWI work to be scheduled this fall. The Board requested the proposals be ready for 8/1/25 so that the work doesn't slide into the colder weather. Specifically the Board needed proposals for the following:
 - Replacement of back-up batteries in the POP and the enclosures at each of the wireless link sites.
 - Upgrade to the link radios to secure units that are more interchangeable and hopefully easier to maintain and are less expensive.

- Any upgrades that may be needed in the POP electronics. There was discussion from GWI to move to 10gig equipment, as the 1 gig equipment will be phased out before too long. This needs to be explored further.
- Development of a priority listing of the OSP maintenance work that needs to be done based on the initial audit.
- Possible environmental monitoring equipment that may be needed in the POP to alert for moisture, temp, etc.

- **Dig Safe:** Donna brought up the procedures for responding to DigSafe requests weren't clear. It is unclear if GWI should respond or IMB should respond to Dig Safe inquiries. Barry will research and present a protocol for discussion at the next meeting.

- **'Pole Tax':** A discussion of pole transfers was brought up. Page wondered if we should be looking into the PUC Code 880 as this may impact pole costs? Frank Start wondered if we should be paying for CCI poles that our fiber was on, but has now been switched to CMP poles, and CCI hasn't done their transfers? Open question here.

- **Quarterly Meeting Dates:** Meeting dates for future meetings were set, with an effort to standardize on the second Tuesday of the month for FY 2026..
 - a. Sept 9, 2025 Town office at 4PM
 - b. Dec 9, 2025 Town Office at 4PM
 - c. Mar 10 , 2026 Town office at 4PM
 - d. June 9, 2026 Town office at 4PM

Meeting was adjourned at 5:06pm.