

Approval of minutes

Minutes approved unanimously

Status update on WG+E pole survey and network design

- **Red/yellow/green pole status**

Bob attended the Legislative Coffee in Buckland, Hines, Mark, Kulik, Rosenberg. Broadband was discussed. Supplemental funding has been discussed and it is relatively imminent. State should live up to 40% of total costs. Red pole count may factor into the conversation for getting to 40%.

- Raised urgency of the red/ yellow/ green pole status. Budgetary number. Discussed with WGE on Monday. Red pole number is the biggest driver in terms of cost.
- Bob has asked for who is generating the estimates.
- Bob called Rick Durant, a recommendation from Shutesbury. He is willing to do field work, perhaps 1 day drive around Charlemont and give an estimation of the number of replacement poles. He has history with Osmose, PVC, UMass, etc. He claims connections with individuals at Verizon that can get things moving.
 - Should we hire him to work with WGE?
 - Would love to do our pole applications.
 - Preliminary numbers from Shutesbury. Make-ready should be complete by 1/18/18.
 - Telecom powerpoint – Trevor indicates there is a section of the power point (page 16) that might allow us to run the fiber optic cable in a different space. This may have trade-offs between construction and maintenance.
 - One day survey – what do you think?
 - \$600/ day
 - Ran survey idea by Aaron Bean he agreed in principal
 - Different than red/ yellow/ green – sometimes the green poles need to be replaced. Prefer to call this “replacement poles”
 - Leyden – MBI fiber is a driver for red poles.
 - BOB will contact Bill Ennen.
 - BOB will arrange a meeting with Durant.

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- Can we get us an estimate a different way?
- Do they know Rick Durant? Would they hire him directly?
- Map Review
 - Legate – might be a key reading error
 - How can we get better maps/ data?
 - Next areas:
 - Bob – Village center
 - Doug – 8A
 - Trevor – Rt 2 toward E. Oxbow
 - Ken – Riddell
 - Mary Ellen – Zoar Rd, trailer park
 - Cheryl- Mountain Rd, South Heath Rd

Crocker coming on the 20th at 7PM at the town hall

- Proposal has been sent, review prior to meeting

Discussion of hut location and any other WG+E design issues

- No update from Todd Gerry
- Vaughn Tower is too busy to bid on it
- Electrician has also not gotten back to us.
- Bob and Trevor will review together
- Concrete estimate is in place
 - o Crane costs not included
 - o Nothing for the second location
- Does the hut need to be handicapped accessible?
- \$50000 for the hut (\$100000 for engineering study, crane, hut, foundation)

Status update on WiredWest, MBI/EOHED and any local meetings

- No Wired West
- Small Town Summit
 - o Peru promised FTTH
 - o BOB will update Beth, Toby on new numbers for Broadband
- Bob and Trevor reported on the Selectboard recommendation

Discussion of design issues related to neighboring towns

- Cheryl and Trevor will connect with Hawley

Next meeting:

- **Nov. 20 – Crocker meeting**
- **Nov 21 – Broadband Mapping Machine**