

Minutes of the Broadband Committee
Town of Charlemont
September 16, 2015

- The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.
- Committee members present: Mary Ellen Banks, Bob Handsaker, Cheryl Handsaker, Ken Hall, Trevor Mackie.

- The minutes from June 17 were approved unanimously (with Trevor abstaining).
- The minutes from July 29 were approved unanimously.
- The notes from the meeting with Crocker Communications on August 26 (not an official meeting due to lack of quorum) were reviewed.
- WiredWest update: We want to make sure to continue to keep the selectboard up to date. The new governance model for WW may be based on an LLC structure.
- WiredWest sign-up campaign: We agreed that we would like to ask the selectboard to take a leadership role in asking people to sign up. We are planning two mailings: One from WiredWest and a separate one just from our town. Bob will follow up about using WiredWest funds for the town mailing. Bob will meet with the selectboard to get input and offer to draft a letter. Trevor will work with Kathy and Carlene to get mailing lists (union of residents, taxpayers, second home owners). We will target the letter to both people who have signed up and people who have not.
- We agreed to try to organize four meetings each focusing on a particular theme: telemedicine, real estate, education, benefits to businesses. Cheryl agreed to put together a schedule and line up speakers.
- We agreed to try to erect a “countdown” sign in front of the town hall. Ken Hall will check on whether we can use Yankee Doodle. Bob will contact the selectboard about permission.
- MBI will be meeting with the selectboard on October 15. Bob and Trevor will meet with the selectboard beforehand to make sure they are prepared. We will suggest they invite the finance committee to the meeting as well.
- No progress on filling open board seats, but we compiled a new list of candidates and Bob will follow up with them.

- Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9pm.