

Minutes of the Broadband Committee
Town of Charlemont
November 18, 2015

- The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.
- Committee members present: Mary Ellen Banks, Bob Handsaker, Cheryl Handsaker, Ken Hall, Trevor Mackie.
- Others present: Doug White

- The minutes from October 21 were approved unanimously.
- Doug White has been appointed to the broadband committee by the selectboard, but he has not yet been sworn in.
- The WiredWest sign up campaign is going well. A letter was sent to all town residents, renters and property owners and WiredWest agrees to pay for all costs associated with the letter.
- Planning for the education panel meeting is going well. Discussed strategies to publicize the event and make sure we have good attendance. Cheryl is still looking for someone to act as moderator.
- Discussed meeting with the Colrain selectboard as part of our due diligence on WiredWest. Motion was made to try to get an appointment with them for their December 7 board meeting. Approved unanimously.
- Education panel.
- We reviewed the draft WiredWest operating agreement.
 - Cheryl suggested that no borrowing of any amount against network assets should be allowed without approval of a super-majority of the members.
 - Would all WiredWest record be available under the Freedom of Information act?
 - How would the selectboard of a town get access to the financial records of WiredWest? Would they need to be kept confidential? Reviewed in executive session? Would any records not be easily available to the town's selectboard?
 - Will all board meetings be public?
 - Who is responsible for approving any compensation to the members of the executive committee?
 - The management structure should be clarified and who is salaried and who is not. There are many different roles and responsibilities.
 - Who is in charge of hiring the General Manager?
- No action was taken with respect to the letter from Sertex.

- Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.