

CHARLEMONT BROADBAND COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 7pm at the Charlemont Town Hall

Attending: Bob Handsaker, Trevor Mackie, Doug White, Sean Neill, Ken Hall, Cheryl Handsaker

Absent: Mary Ellen Banks

Guests: William Tucci, Tammy Hicks, Vaughn Tower, Chris Lynch of Matrix Design Group

Called to order at 7:03.

1. Approval of minutes

- a. Both sets of minutes approved, WiValley from 12/28/17 and broadband meeting from 12/19/17

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

- a. January 5 Joint meeting review
 - i. Understand whether we need to go forward on revote for borrowing authorization.
 - ii. Discussion of the options for service
 1. Wired West costs have changed and this should be communicated via information sessions.
 2. Vaughn Tower reported on a conversation with a Comcast representative and the possibilities for service.
 3. EOHED grant for \$960,000 intended for design and build of municipal fiber network.
 - iii. No EOHED guidelines have been made available for review.
 - iv. Reviewed the financial modeling.
 1. Reviewed the assumptions in the model.
 2. Model represented the numbers based on take rate and pricing.
 - v. Status update on WG+E pole walkout and network design

3. Status update on pole condition survey - Rick Durant Contract

- a. ACTION TAKEN: Hold contract until the guidelines are reviewed. Unanimous in favor of holding the contract.

4. WiValley Proposal

- a. **ACTION TAKEN:** Voted to hold on a response to the proposal from WiValley until there is more information about the Selectboard plans for moving forward with fiber and the guidelines for reimbursement. Voted unanimously in favor.

Next meeting: Continuation of the joint meeting with Finance Committee, Selectboard, and Broadband Committee, January 10, 7PM.

Next Broadband only meeting: Policy document will again be the priority. January 16 7PM

Adjourned: 9:15 PM.