

CHARLEMONT BROADBAND COMMITTEE

Monday, July 23, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Tyler Memorial Library

ATTENDING: Mary Ellen Banks, Doug White, Bob Handsaker, Trevor Mackie, Ken Hall, Cheryl Handsaker

MISSING: Bill Tucci

Meeting began 7:00PM.

1. COMCAST Update

- a. Comcast called just prior to the meeting. Eileen Leahy called. All areas of Charlemont would be included in the build except Bassett Rd. without an increase in the cost to the town, contingent on approval of DTC to transit Rowe.
- b. Maps - how do we calculate the value in our handover to Comcast, if approved.
- c. Negotiations are ongoing for cost to the town.
- d. Next action: Discuss the approach for getting an agreement with Comcast for a formal proposal from Comcast and MBI.
- e. Mary Ellen recommends Reviews.org, Wirefly.com will offer comparison of providers to get a sense of packages and costs in our area. Use Shelburne Falls zip code.

2. Working meeting to review the design sent by WG&E

- a. Full map updates vs FSAs
- b. Remove all non-existing conduits (or aerial run if applicable) on all map, proposed new underground construction, clearly labeled and differentiated.
- c. Review Hot Spots
 - i. Heath Stage Terrace. Current design has underground on both sides of the road. Ask John Leary for lowest cost option for the cost

- estimate. Aerial vs single underground cable, give us the least expensive option.
- ii. Hawk Hill Rd. Current design is underground in these section. Existing conduit is on the South side. Please recommend the least expensive option.
 - iii. Warner Hill Rd. Utilities come in from Heath. Current design recommendation shows the cable from Heath. Provide least cost recommendation for the our design. Confirm field split coming from Heath is the least expensive options, if so, add the field split, size the cable appropriately and confirm any path length through Heath is short enough to be passive. Remove the non-existing 2745' conduit from design (P13/T13).
 - iv. FSA-03A Burned out/ abandoned homes remain on the list. Fiber should not go up to 426 North Heath Rd. Remove whole segment.
 - v. Johnson Road. No current design recommendation. No MST shown as serving 34 Johnson Rd. No conduit exists but conduit of 1255' is shown on map should be removed. Confirm cost of microduct vs conduit and design for the least expensive option from Rt 112 or Johnson Rd.
 - vi. Field Split at Red Schoolhouse. Current design does not use field split. Confirm field split is less expensive than current design, outline any drawbacks and benefit, estimate pole mounted field split off East Oxbow Rd P1 . Please design for and recommend the least expensive option.
 - vii. East Oxbow/ Rt 2 error/ inconsistency in cable count.
- d. Join the Selectboard for an appointment at 7:30 PM
- i. Bill Ennen with will draft an amendment to the amendment that spells out how we can restart the EOHED grant on our decision to leave the flexible grant program.
 - ii. Charlemont will draft letter to Comcast to request written description of the service offerings.
 - iii. Charlemont will draft a letter to MBI to request written description of the financial agreements.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 25 at 7PM.
Meeting adjourned 9:32 PM