

CHARLEMONT BROADBAND COMMITTEE

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Wednesday, August 22, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Charlemont Town Hall

ATTENDING: Mary Ellen Banks, Doug White, Bob Handsaker, Cheryl Handsaker

MISSING: Trevor Mackie, Ken Hall, Bill Tucci

Meeting began 7:20

1. Approval of minutes

- a. ACTION TAKEN: Minutes approved unanimously.

2. Report on meetings related to Flexible Grant Program (Comcast, WiValley, etc)

a. Comcast

- i. Comcast sent a proposal was sent last Weds but was not discovered until the following the meeting.
- ii. Documents have already been sent to Town Counsel so changes should be sent to Select Board
- iii. Next actions:
 - 1. Review with proposal between town / MBI/ EOHED proposal.
 - 2. Review limited franchise agreement w/ Rowe.
 - 3. Review of the Comcast agreement.
 - a. Preliminary design assessment was not included in the Comcast proposal.
 - 4. Consider whether unserved homes not passed by Comcast would receive a tax abatement?
 - 5. Reaching out to WiredWest regarding deposit refunds in the event that Comcast is the chosen solution.
- iv. Reviewed the MBI/ EOHED notifications changes in the document that will be sent as a MS Word document

- v. Reviewed Comcast and proposal and franchise agreement, changes and question in a document that will be circulated.
 - b. WiValley
 - i. No information has been provided by WiValley. Consider cancelling scheduled meeting if nothing received by Friday.
 - c. Guest appointment: Jonathan Mirin regarding WiValley pole request.
 - i. Guest did not arrive.
- 3. Report on meetings related to the EOHEG Grant for Municipal Fiber Network (CAF II, EOHEG, Utility companies, edge case conversations, WG&E regional meetings)**
 - a. No updates.
- 4. Status update on WG+E Charlemont pole walkout and network design**
 - a. Recommendation for invoicing
 - i. No recommendations
 - b. Status update on mapping and design
 - i. Results of the mapping party has been sent.
 - ii. 2-port MSTs can be changed but we cannot be charged for a change order.
 - iii. High impact items for agreement
 - 1. Clarifying FSA04 numbers. \$29,000 savings pole mounted field split.

Next Meeting:

- Wednesday, August 29 at 6PM for WiValley pole review
- Wednesday, August 29 at 7PM for Broadband Committee

Meeting adjourned: 9:10