

CHARLEMONT BROADBAND COMMITTEE

Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at 6:00 pm at Charlemont Town Hall

**ATTENDING: Trevor Mackie, Doug White, Mary Ellen Banks, Bill Tucci,
Cheryl Handsaker**

MISSING: Bob Handsaker, Ken Hall

GUESTS: Phil Banks, Andy Rosen, Boston Globe

1. Approval of minutes from 12/11/2018
 - a. **ACTION TAKEN: Minutes approved unanimously.**
2. Follow up of Action Items to begin Make-Ready
 - a. Check in on the MLP Operating Structure
 - i. Reviewed note from Jay.
 - b. Review and approve WG&E Phase 3 contract
 - i. **ACTION TAKEN: Recommend that the Selectboard move forward with Phase III of the WG&E Contract, Make Ready, by a letter from the Selectboard. Approved Unanimously.**
 - c. Utility pole attachment contracts
 - i. Reviewed materials sent.
 - ii. Next actions: Hold until Bill Ennen and/ or Town MLP Board determines we can move ahead.
 - d. Permit process for railroad crossings
 - i. WG&E flagged that on the WG&E for RR crossing. Four in all for the design.
 - ii. No construction in the RR right of way
 - iii. No conduit needed on the new bridges
 - e. Performance Bond
 - f. Insurance binder
3. NEE Design
 - a. Trevor and Doug visited Plainfield hut - no electronics. Heat and power, overhead cable trays, etc.

- b. 100 AMP electrical service, Charlemont will do 60 AMP electrical service, similar to MBI.
 - c. Interior was 8'x 15'. Height of the cable rack is 7' and a little.
 - d. WG&E will send an engineer up the look at the space. Borrowed racks to play with in terms of using the space. 2 equipment racks, 1 battery rack. Most important next action.
 - i. Scheduled site visits with Otis, Alford and Mt. Washington in the new year.
 - ii. Generator we expect is part of the Emergency Mgmt grant.
 - 1. MBI doesn't have one so everything would go down. Can we work together to supply both? Heavy draw loads were not wired onto the generator.
 - 2. Next action: Trevor will follow up with Peg & Dennis
 - iii. WG&E specified 4 20 AMP 120 208 circuits, 2 120V single phase circuit.
 - iv. Cooling? Update thermometer to record the daily low temperature.
4. Wired West Refunds
- a. Trevor will continue following about bulk refunds
 - b. Trevor and Cheryl will work together to process refunds
 - i. Emails to the people who sends it back
 - ii. Outline a process
5. Any other business not reasonably foreseen 48 hours in advance of meeting
- a. Meeting tomorrow for interconnect between towns and Trevor will attend that meeting.
 - b. Questions from the Guests
6. Next Actions
- a. MLP Agreement
 - b. 55 Ledge Lane conduit transfers
 - c. Driveway policies
 - d. Pre-subscriptions
 - e. Citizen Involvements in buildout

- f. Low income grant money**
 - i. Lifeline? National program for allowing low-income folks. Internet, cellphone. Credit toward the low level internet service. WG&E allows for lifeline? Through our ISP**
 - ii. CDBG - we can pursue but Select Board would prefer we move forward with this without using Peg's time at this point.**
- g. Can we wire the homes in advance?**
- h. Training program for the folks willing to help prepare homes.**

Next meeting: January 16, 2019 @ 6PM.

Adjourned 7:50 PM

