

## **CHARLEMONT BROADBAND COMMITTEE**

**Monday, September 9, 2019 at 6:00 pm at Tyler Memorial Library.**

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

**Missing: Ken Hall**

**Guests: Phil Banks**

### **Meeting called to order: 6:00**

- 1. Approval of minutes from 9/3/2019**
  - a. **ACTION TAKEN:** Minutes approved unanimously.
- 2. Status of NEE**
  - a. Lock on the basement bulkhead is complete
    - i. Bob will get the combination.
  - b. Have heard nothing from Obear
    - i. Bob will follow up with Obear
- 3. Status of Make-Ready**
  - a. Procurement of roadway conduit on Hawk Hill Rd. and Heath Stage Terrace
    - i. No questions have been asked
    - ii. Bob has confirmed that this was not advertised in the newspaper
    - iii. Discussion of timeline
  - b. Town Hall Exterior
    - i. Questions due Friday
    - ii. Follow up with people to see if someone will bid by next meeting:
      1. Doug White will follow up with Eric Dean
      2. Doug will follow up with Todd Gerry
      3. Cheryl will call JS Rae
      4. Cheryl will call CD Davenport
      5. Bob will call Tom Danek
      6. Trevor will call Winfinsky
      7. Bob will follow up with Obear

c. Railroads

i. Long Bridge

1. No update.

ii. Tower Road

1. Kathy has a completed petition for the pole hearing.
2. Once Kathy approves we can schedule the pole hearing.
3. WG&E said 40' poles on side roads.

iii. South River Road

1. No update

iv. West Hawley Road residence

1. Reviewed high level design.
2. Continue to refine design, ethernet in ethernet out transceiver, power needs, etc.
3. Cheryl will own it, Trevor will generate a detailed design.  
Cheryl will ask wireless engineers

**4. Status of Distribution Network**

- a. All Verizon poles are in.
- b. Check request have been requested for Verizon.
- c. National Grid - 8 of 16 are in.

**5. Financial Update**

- a. Meeting with Unibank, Dave Isenthal, including treasurer, accountant, Selectboard and Finance committee representatives.
- b. \$200,000 shortfall that we may need to borrow
- c. Effect of the financing on possible ReConnect grant
- d. Consider Anticipation note against the EOHED grant, two tranches of money that can be unlocked.
- e. Contingency fund advance, only allow national grid/ verizon will be reimbursed
- f. Bob prepared a new financial sheet for review by the committee

**6. Continue Drop Policy Discussion**

- a. Committee will review the TriWire Geozone document for next meeting.

**7. Communication**

- a. Bot is working to publish the post

**8. Status of Wired West Refunds**

**9. Status of additional funding sources**

a. ReConnect

i. Christine Kimball will join us at the next meeting

**10. Any other business not reasonably foreseen 48 hours in advance of meeting**

Next meeting: Wednesday, Sept 18 at 6 PM, Kimball at 7PM.

Meeting adjourned 7PM