

CHARLEMONT BROADBAND COMMITTEE

Monday, Aug 10, 2020 at 6:00 pm

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

GUESTS: Valentine Reid

Approve Minutes and Meeting Notes from 8/3/2020

ACTION TAKEN: Vote to approve the minutes of 8/3/2020

- a. Trevor - yes, Doug - yes, Cheryl-yes, Bob-yes, Mary Ellen - yes

2. Status of NEE

- a. Construction complete
- b. Project is considered complete
- c. Obear will mail the HVAC documentation
- d. Trevor will set up a meeting with Dennis Annear after Weds
 - i. Planning for the conduit
 - ii. When and how the generator will be installed.

3. Status of Make-Ready

- a. **Reach out to WG&E who is the primary in Charlemont for each project.**
- b. Long Bridge
 - i. No update
 - ii. Cheryl will follow up
- c. Tower Road
 - i. WG&E have found a third party bidder who would do this for the same cost as the IGA.
- d. West Hawley Road residence
 - i. Trevor reaching out to see cost of a streetlight to power a solution
- e. Town Hall Exterior
 - i. Waiting to meet with Dennis
- f. Heath Stage Terrace
 - i. Wednesday meeting on site. Dave from WG&E and TriWire are in sync related to the project
 - ii. There is a portion of the ROW that TriWire has concerns over due to apparent washouts, Highway Super doesn't want conduit in roadway.
 - iii. Going around a culvert might make cable harder to pull.
 - iv. NEXT ACTION: Resolve during construction, WG&E, Highway Super and TriWire will resolve.
 - v. Materials will be delivered on Wednesday, expect a 2-3 day build beginning on Monday.

- vi. How many hours of on-site inspection is needed? Perhaps we should request that WG&E will be on site for the blitz.
- vii. WG&E will tell Gordon and Jared when work begins.
 - 1. Trevor will call Jared to let him know that the project is going forward.
 - 2. Be sure TriWire and WG&E have both the police and highway boss contact information.
- g. Hawk Hill Rd
 - i. Email from National Grid, request for pole hearing, had been mailed August 4th.
 - ii. Bob followed up with an email to the Select Board to check on the date.
- h. Warner Hill Rd.
 - i. Hoping we add a pole at the top of Warner Hill Rd. to the Tower Rd. pole set IGA
 - ii. Dave from WG&E came up to the meeting that followed HST.
 - iii. Reviewed the path of the conduit and pole set and drop pole.
 - iv. Resident came out to support the effort. All abutters were contracted.
 - v. Pole location was staked.
 - vi. Going around the oak tree seems possible.
 - vii. WG&E expressed some concern about the pole, Bob will follow up.
 - viii. Tom Danek will connect with Gordon and Jared when he digs.
 - ix. Next Action: After Long Bridge reach out regarding pole concerns.

4. ISP Contact

- a. Update on contract and amendment draft
 - i. BOM - seeking updates from vendors on quoted pricing, no responses so far. Some of the equipment does not seem to have maintenance agreements. Pricing does seem competitive at this time based on similar online procurements.
 - ii. Need to check regarding Nokia lock-in on equipment. Look for ISP support.

5. Drops

- a. Drop policy changes are in place.
- b. One-pager - Cheryl has introduced with Mary Malmose and Valentine Reid.

Next meeting Monday, Aug 17 @ 6PM

Meeting adjourned 6:58 pm