

## **CHARLEMONT BROADBAND COMMITTEE**

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

### **1. Approve Meeting Notes from 7/26/2021**

- a. Val=yes, Mary Ellen - yes, Doug=yes, Cheryl- yes, Bob- yes, Ken=yes, Trevor - yes

### **2. Status of Make-Ready**

- a. West Hawley Road residence
  - i. No update.
- b. Town Hall Generator
  - i. Town Administrator is working to get a temporary generator in while waiting for the final
  - ii. Also ask to check the meter when the electrician is here
- c. Shunpike
  - i. August 6th permitting should be complete this week, then get two weeks to install the poles and the brush cutting.
  - ii. If blocked, TriWire may move to FSA 03

### **3. Distribution Network**

- a. NEE
  - i. AC unit is dripping into the hub. Perhaps we need an AC repair person to fix this.
  - ii. Who to call? If anyone has suggestions please email. Also try Hawlemont, Federated Church?
- b. Splicing
  - i. Last two cases for splicing in FSA05 were being worked on Friday. FSA 05 should move into testing/validation. FSA 04 for splicing.
- c. Redundancy/ Resiliency
  - i. MBI is suggesting buying an extra dark idle circuit.
  - ii. Other ideas include
    - 1. Ask MBI MPLS direct from the POI?
    - 2. Purchase an A and B circuit 1 GB/ direction, use MPLS in the hub over both the directions. Would likely be needed by the first of the year? Charlemont and WCF only? Will raise the operating costs a little but by turning on the 2 GB sooner
  - iii. Rowe is very interested in a shared ring. Charlemont will not have these towns connected until the end of the project.
  - iv. Cheryl is looking into how the CAIs are connected and served redundantly
  - v. Confirm two paths out of Charlemont from Local Linx.

### **4. Drops**

- a. FSA 01 Friendlies
  - i. WG&E is working with Maxymillan and MA DOT

- b. Status of FSA 01 general installations
  - i. Getting installations in place
- c. Center Heath Road home
  - i. Reviewed an IGA amendment.
  - ii. Charlemont has already paid all make-ready costs, expected out of pocket is the \$500 cold drop cost
  - iii. ACTION TAKEN: Recommend the IGA Amendment to the Selectboard
    - 1. Val-yes, Mary Ellen - yes, Doug-yes, Cheryl- yes, Bob- yes, Ken-yes, Trevor - yes
- d. MDU Status: South River Rd condos, 122 Main, Woodland Park
  - i. S. River Rd
    - 1. Committed to move ahead with 5 of 6 owners, as soon as checks are in we can move ahead with construction
    - 2. Woodland Park outreach?
    - 3. 122 Main - updated design expected.
- e. Underground Drops requiring communication
  - i. Johnson Rd address
    - 1. New estimate for this address. Waiting on the breakdown to share with the committee. Boring is only a few hundred dollars more.
    - 2. No vault by the road, but handhold at 600' at the driveway
    - 3. Drainage on the left is a caution.
  - ii. Tea St. Ext address
    - 1. 15 Tea St Ext should be marked as a CON COMM Hold
  - iii. Stragglng drops will now be done in house without the Advantage subcontractors.

## 5. Commercial Pricing

- a. Review the changes to the commercial pricing policy
  - i. Self-report for the first year and number of months, then the off season number.
  - ii. Document each self-report for the items.
- b. **ACTION TAKEN: Recommend the draft changes be sent along to the Select Board for approval.**
  - i. **Val-yes, Mary Ellen - yes, Doug-yes, Cheryl- yes, Bob- yes, Ken-yes, Trevor - yes**

## 6. Subscription Campaign

- a. Subscription Update
  - i. Percentage updated, 18 live
- b. Information Session/ Celebration
  - i. Cake
  - ii. Photo op
  - iii. Val's Plaque Design
    - 1. Correct Trevor's name
    - 2. Include former committee members (Steve Ferguson, Sean O'Neill, Bill Tucci)

3. Make the names readable
4. Approve the plaque design as amended above
  - a. **ACTION TAKEN: Mary Ellen - yes, Cheryl- yes, Bob- yes, Ken-yes, Trevor - yes**
5. Would be nice to have it for the celebration

c. Data Privacy

- i. No update.

7. **Project Finance Update**

- a. Bob reviewed the process of documenting the project income and expenses.

Next meeting, August 8, Fairgrounds, Information Session & Celebration

August 9, 6PM working meeting

Meeting adjourned 7:33 PM