

## **CHARLEMONT BROADBAND COMMITTEE**

**ATTENDING: Bob Handsaker, Mary Ellen Banks, Doug White, Valentine Reid, and Cheryl Handsaker**

**MISSING: Ken Hall, Trevor Mackie**

**GUESTS: Christine Angelico, Bill Coli**

### **1. Approve Meeting Notes from 8/2/2021**

#### **a. ACTION TAKEN: Approve meeting notes**

- i. Val-yes, Mary Ellen - yes, Doug-yes, Cheryl- yes, Bob- yes

### **2. Review the information Meeting Notes from 8/9/2021**

- a. Reviewed the document for informational meeting, no corrections or additions
- b. We will publish the informational notes

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

- a. West Hawley Road residence
  - i. No update
- b. Town Hall Generator
  - i. Reminder that the EMD is responsible for screening shrubbery
- c. Shunpike
  - i. No update

### **4. Distribution Network**

- a. General Update
  - i. No update
- b. Question relating to relocating the MBI conduit - will this be moved into the town conduit?
  - i. Broadband committee discussed history of the request and the importance of the co-location of the MBI POI

### **5. Drops**

- a. Status of FSA 01 general installations
  - i. 42 active customers
- b. MDU Status:
  - i. South River Rd condos
    - 1. What can be done to minimize cost? Perhaps the association can split the cost 6 ways or put in a separate conduit prior to the installation by WCF?
  - ii. 122 Main
    - 1. No update.
  - iii. Woodland Park
    - 1. No update.
- c. Underground Drops requiring communication
  - i. Johnson Rd address
    - 1. Boring under the road is preferable. With the equipment they use, 24" is likely the deepest we will get, although they can try to go a bit deeper.
  - ii. Tea St. Ext address

- iii. Warner Hill Rd: Second question related to subsidy amounts needed. Will the cost savings be returned directly to the customer or is a credit on the bill the only possibility?

**6. Commercial Pricing**

- a. Zoar Outdoor was contacted and had their questions about service answered.
- b. Look for a multiplier for the number of seats and see if we can find some middle tiers.

**7. Subscription Campaign**

- a. Subscription Update
  - i. 404 subscribers, / 42 Activated
- b. Data Privacy

**8. Project Finance Update**

- a. No update

Meeting adjourned 7:00 PM to join the Select Board

A couple members of the committee stayed on the call following the meeting to continue to answer questions from one of our guests.