

## **CHARLEMONT BROADBAND COMMITTEE**

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

### **1. Approve Meeting Notes from 9/7/2021**

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

- i. Val-yes, Doug-yes, Cheryl- yes, Bob- yes, Mary Ellen - abstain, Trevor - abstain**

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

#### **a. West Hawley Road residence**

- i. Power on the pole - Cheryl will follow up with Trevor
- ii. Cheryl will follow up regarding monitoring

#### **b. Town Hall Generator**

- i. Sarah indicated generator is still on track to be installed this fall

#### **c. Shunpike**

- i. Permitting may take longer than expected due to replacing the pole near the cemetery. National Grid is planning to do the brush clearing in advance of the pole permitting.

### **3. Distribution Network**

#### **a. Construction Update**

- i. Splicing and testing are weeks behind at this time.

#### **b. Resiliency Planning**

- i. Short-term band-aid solution: Met with WCF about link sharing in the short term, but WCF backed away from this on the phone call and said they could not support it.
- ii. Bob signed the Phase 1 agreement (long term solution) based on positive input from Sarah
- iii. We need to have redundancy in place. Bob will discuss least expensive solution. Bob will follow up with Bryan Johnson.

#### **c. Hub Monitoring**

- i. Monitoring continues to highlight issues with humidity.
- ii. Repair on the tube was applied as a bandaid solution - Bob indicates this is an improvement - fewer alarms.
- iii. No news from WGE on their hub monitoring solution - Val will convert to an annual plan and submit the invoice.

### **4. Drops**

#### **a. MDU Status: South River Rd condos, 122 Main, Woodland Park, Mohawk Park**

- i. All on track except for Mohawk Park.

#### **b. Underground Drops requiring communication**

##### **i. Johnson Rd address**

1. WCF is requesting someone from the town to meet on-site when we are notified of the construction date

- ii. 1509 Rt 2 - recently purchased and the utilities are required to be modified. It is an overhead connection in the design but this will be getting converted to underground. Committee discussed how the drop policy applies to this situation.
- iii. Underground cold drops have been approved.

**5. Commercial Pricing**

- a. Committee members will contact live businesses to set the floor this week. We can fill out the form on their behalf.

**6. Subscription Campaign**

- a. [Subscription Update](#)
- b. Data Privacy
  - i. [Review policy](#)
    - 1. No action was taken.

**7. Project Finance Update**

- a. No update

Meeting adjourned at 6:59 PM