

## **CHARLEMONT BROADBAND COMMITTEE**

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

**MISSING: Ken Hall, Valentine Reid**

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

- a. True-up update
  - i. Two additional make-ready issues have come up. There are some straggler items that may delay the payment for the true-up.
- b. West Hawley Road residence
  - i. See if we can find someone outside of the committee to pull the plan together and make progress.
- c. Town Hall Generator
  - i. There is a replacement generator on the way from another location. Propane is ready.
- d. Additional Verizon pole application status
  - i. Application is in progress.

### **2. Distribution Network**

- a. Construction Update
  - i. Issue pulling the fiber through the conduit on Warner Hill Rd.
  - ii. Discussed NJUNs and the pole on Rt. 2.
  - iii. Possible splice issue during construction on Rt. 2
- b. Resiliency Update
  - i. A lot of activity is ongoing, weekly design meetings and group meetings with the Northern Ring towns to get the minimum viable project moving ahead.
- c. Automated Network Management
  - i. Formerly e-911 QoS
- d. Hub Monitoring/ Emergency Response
  - i. No update.

### **3. Drops**

- a. MDU Status: South River Rd condos, 122 Main
  - i. South River Rd
    1. Underground work is complete
- b. Underground Drops requiring communication?
  - i. Underground drops closing next week
    1. All the items in the queue will be installed as a 'best effort'

### **4. Commercial Pricing**

- a. Some of the commercial entities are turned on and we will reach out to ensure if there is redistribution of the service that they choose the correct plan.
- b. Discussed serving the town hall temporarily.

**5. Subscription Campaign**

- a. [Subscription Update](#)

**6. Project Finance Update**

- a. Bob will present the construction budget
  - i. No update. Bob will update on this in two weeks.
  - ii. Sen. Hinds has proposed an amendment to the ARPA legislation to try to get broadband funding for debt relief for municipal fiber networks

**7. Internet speed optimization**

- a. Waiting on packet information on discards and errors.

Next meeting, November 22 @ 6PM

Meeting adjourned, 7:30 PM