

## **CHARLEMONT BROADBAND COMMITTEE**

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

**MISSING: Valentine Reid**

### **1. Approve Meeting Notes from 12/14/2021**

#### **a. ACTION TAKEN: Approve Meeting Notes from 12/14/2021**

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

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

- a. True-up update
  - i. Warner Hill Rd remediation costs were identified and will be included for make-ready true-up request
- b. West Hawley Road residence
  - i. No update
- c. Town Hall Generator
  - i. The cable is still not connected using the requested-sized conduit.
  - ii. Reach out to EMD to insure access and caution in the live machine room.
  - iii. Ken will follow up with EMD
- d. Additional Verizon pole application status
  - i. No updates
- e. Mountain Rd pole relocations
  - i. Hoping that the impact will be understood in January. National Grid has not let us know about these relocations.

### **3. Distribution Network**

- a. Construction Update
  - i. Blocked on make-ready issues on FSA 03.
  - ii. Splicing continues through FSA 02, perhaps moving into FSA 03 before the holiday.
  - iii. No tester was deployed today as was expected.
- b. Resiliency Update
  - i. Exploring options for alternative backhaul through Greenfield
  - ii. Meeting with WCF to discuss
  - iii. Looking at cost-sharing strategies
- c. Prioritization of VOIP traffic Update
  - i. Will be discussed
- d. Hub Monitoring/ Emergency Response Update
  - i. We will have the ability to use a trial of SamKnows. Waiting on confirmation of the shipping items.
  - ii. WCF is interested in access to the box
  - iii. Perhaps the generator will give us an opportunity to discuss

### **4. Drops**

- a. Underground drops are completed for this year
- b. Discussed tree trimming for Rt 2 address.
  - i. National Grid had agreed to make it passable.
- c. Town hall is connected
- d. MDU Status: South River Rd condos, 122 Main St
  - i. Waiting on splicing resources for making the connection.

#### **5. Commercial Pricing**

- a. Academy at Charlemont - Cheryl will reach out.
- b. Cold River Cafe will not be redistribute
- c. Commercial customers
  - i. Static IP addresses outage was discussed.
  - ii. Some other businesses did report issues

#### **6. Subscription Campaign**

- a. [Subscription Update](#)

#### **7. Project Finance Update**

- a. BOMB meeting reviewed the first set of operational reports from the accountant
- b. Sarah will check on the electricity and how we will do the transfers
- c. The retail rate will be paid by the town.
- d. Treasurer will begin tracking time for broadband issues.

#### **8. Internet speed optimization**

- a. Status of the network performance monitoring

**Next meeting, Monday Jan 3 @ 6PM**