

## **CHARLEMONT BROADBAND COMMITTEE**

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

**MISSING: Valentine Reid, Ken Hall**

### **1. Approve Meeting Notes from 1/2/2022**

#### **a. ACTION TAKEN: Approve Meeting Notes from 1/2/22**

- i. Cheryl- yes, Bob- yes, Doug - yes, Trevor - yes

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

- a. True-up update
  - i. No update
- b. West Hawley Road residence
  - i. No update
- c. Town Hall Generator
  - i. No update
- d. Additional Verizon pole application status
  - i. Acknowledged the receipt of the payment. Will ask permission to accelerate this one pole.
- e. Mountain Rd pole relocations
  - i. Projection is Jan 24th for the tree trimming to be complete.

### **3. Distribution Network**

- a. Construction Update
  - i. Construction remaining is only the remaining area on Mountain Rd
  - ii. Splicing resources will remain in town. FSA 02 splicing is complete. There are 10 additional cases in FSA 03 and hoping to complete backroads in FSA 03 and maybe all splicing in FSA 03. Will stay in town for re-burns and retests.
  - iii. Testing in FSA 04 may wrap up as early as next week
  - iv. They will move to FSA 02 following the completion of testing in FSA 04.
- b. Resiliency Update
  - i. Meetings have been moving ahead with Rowe, Heath, Leyden, and Colrain.
- c. Prioritization of VOIP traffic Update
  - i. This is moving ahead and we will learn more
- d. Hub Monitoring/ Emergency Response Update
  - i. No update
- e. Town to town interconnect proposal for the town of Colrain
  - i. Splicing in some new fiber to serve as the Colrain point of interconnect.
    - 1. This is worth doing in case of emergency.
    - 2. Discuss the proposal with the town of Colrain

### **4. Drops**

- a. MDU Status: South River Rd condos, 122 Main St
  - i. Both are still under construction

b. Policy for overground temporary installations

- i. **ACTION TAKEN: Add the overground price to the cost of the installation and the subsidy will be calculated from the whole amount.**

1. Cheryl- yes, Bob- yes, Doug - yes, Trevor - yes, May Ellen - yes

5. **Operations**

a. Emergency restoration of the service

- i. The email trail shows that was explained as an opt-in. All towns signed except Charlemont. We sent a letter at the time of the contract signing that indicated that we would be interpreting the contract in light of what was explained in the email.
- ii. Bob will ask about our insurance
- iii. Bob will ask about the history of this agreement
- iv. Bob will reach out to WCF to clarify Charlemont's status

6. **Commercial Pricing**

a. Status and next actions

7. **Subscription Campaign**

a. [Subscription Update](#)

8. **Project Finance Update**

a. Operations finance review

- i. Questions about phone service percentages

9. **Internet speed optimization**

a. Status of the network performance monitoring

**Next meeting, Weds, January 18th at 6 PM**

Meeting adjourned 8:04 pm