

CHARLEMONT BROADBAND COMMITTEE

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

MISSING: Valentine Reid

1. Approve Meeting Notes from 2/2/2022

Motion by Trevor, seconded by Mary Ellen.

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

2. Status of Make-Ready

- a. True-up update
 - i. In discussion to wrap this up with information from National Grid, Verizon
- b. West Hawley Road residence
 - i. No update
- c. Town Hall Generator
 - i. Electrician has switched the power over today.
 - ii. Monitor did go off and this will be followed up in the future because this outlet should have been covered by the generator.
- d. Additional Verizon pole application status
 - i. We are licensed on P40 on Mountain Rd.
- e. Mountain Rd pole relocations
 - i. National Grid looks to be complete, still waiting on approvals from Grid to move the fiber. ITG will be cleared to remobilize and complete construction on Mountain Rd.

3. Distribution Network

- a. Construction Update
 - i. FSA04 is in validation! Installations will begin shortly.
 - ii. FSA02 needs to be respliced to come into the town hall and all testing done so far will need to be redone.
 - iii. Charlemont will escalate to ITG and Bill Ennen.
- b. Resiliency Update
 - i. WCF has presented a draft proposal and high-level design.
 - ii. Some questions are out for review from WCF around pricing for equipment and professional services
 - iii. Grant program for fiber networks - Colrain would be the lead town for all five Northern Ring towns. Applications open on March 10.
 - iv. KP Law is still in review for the cost-sharing
 - v. Continued communication regarding backhaul from GCET
- c. Hub Monitoring/ Emergency Response Update
 - No update

4. Drops

- a. Reviewed decisions regarding drops

5. Commercial Pricing

- a. Cheryl will reach out to the AAC regarding service

6. Subscription Campaign

- a. [Subscription Update](#)

7. Project Finance Update

- a. Select Board agenda has a recommendation for budget preparation for town meeting regarding debt repayment and debt construction.
- b. EOHED is also requesting a financial update
- c. Review of operations/enterprise fund budget in the next meeting.

8. Internet speed optimization

- a. Larger backhaul is now in place to prevent network performance issues if the primary goes down.

9. Draft of annual report of the Broadband Committee available for review.

- a. Comments due by next broadband meeting

Next meeting, Wed February 16 @ 6:30 PM

Meeting adjourned 7:19PM