

# **CHARLEMONT BROADBAND COMMITTEE**

## **PUBLIC MEETING NOTES**

**Wednesday, May 30, 2018 at 6:00 pm at the Charlemont Town Hall**

**Attending: Bob Handsaker, Trevor Mackie, Doug White, Cheryl Handsaker, Ken Hall**

**Missing: Sean Neill, Mary Ellen Banks**

**Guest: Rich Filoramo**

### **1. Approval of minutes**

- a. **Action Taken:** Minutes for May 16, approved unanimously

### **2. Report on MBI/EOHED, Comcast, and other local meetings that are not design specific**

- a. Hawley RedZone recap
  - i. Cheryl missed the meeting but described what was learned in the Q&A session.
    - 1. Plan is to deploy LTE at speeds of 25/3
    - 2. Cost for this plan is expected to be \$59.99
    - 3. Four towns are asked to give RedZone a 90 day window to prepare a free design
    - 4. RedZone was asked by MBI to propose a solution
    - 5. RedZone will be looking at applying for CAF II money to supplement the town broadband funding
    - 6. All four towns: Hawley, Savoy, Monroe and Florida must say yes for the planning to move forward.
    - 7. RedZone is working with WG&E for some towns exploring wireless. Royalston was mentioned by name, where WG&E is serving as project manager.
    - 8. RedZone looks to the 4-town area as a base from which to expand in Western Mass.

- ii. Cheryl will follow up w/ redzone, next steps
- b. Comcast will be discussed in Executive Session
- c. WiredWest
  - i. Big discussion on the town agreement with Wired West, June 6th meeting. Bob plans to attend.
- d. Colrain
  - i. Notes from call with Colrain
    - 1. Not planning to go down 112, but instead plans to set new poles to the town border on Charlemont Rd.

### **3. Status update on WG+E pole walkout and network design**

- a. Recommendation for invoicing
  - i. Nothing yet.
- b. Status update on mapping
  - i. On the call with WGE, discussion was about the problem areas (i.e. aerial vs underground). Charlemont understood that WG&E would do a desktop model. Instead of the recommendations, we received a quote. We have discussed this issue with John Leary and expect this process to be streamlined.
- c. Status update on design
  - i. No additional design was ready for review.
- d. Status of the make-ready reimbursement guidelines
  - i. Nothing provided
- e. Report of any related meetings with WG&E, EOHED
  - i. Bob sent email about the meeting with John Leary outlining the problem areas.
  - ii. WG+E canceled the Friday phone call
    - 1. Email sent by Catrin
    - 2. Committee wondered whether/when the reorganization discussed with John Leary is going to be implemented.

### **4. Executive Session to discuss business negotiations relative to the Comcast proposal. The public meeting will be resumed following the Executive Session.**

- a. ACTION TAKEN: Voted to enter executive session: unanimous

**Public meeting resumed 6:58**

**Next meeting: June 6 at 7PM**

**Public meeting adjourned 6:59**