

CHARLEMONT BROADBAND COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Charlemont Town Hall

Attending: Bob Handsaker, Mary Ellen Banks, Doug White, Ken Hall, Cheryl Handsaker

Missing: Trevor Mackie

Guests: Bill Tucci, Rick DeFillipe, Karen Hogness, Rich Filoramo

Meeting adjourned at 7PM.

1. Introductions

- a. Guests were introduced and welcomed.
 - i. Bill Tucci needs to to be sworn in by the town clerk

2. CAF II Conversation

- a. Cheat Sheet Circulated
- b. Broadband Committee is pursuing two separate paths: EOHED grant to build a municipal fiber network and Comcast under the MBI Flexible Grant Program. Direction is not clear but will be based on the cost of building and the cost and coverage that Comcast would promise.
- c. CAF II
 - i. Reverse auction, lowest bidder gets the money
 - ii. Added additional technologies to bid
 1. Minimum bid area - census block groups
 2. Bid per census block and amount paid out by type of broadband
 3. Charlemont is in 2 census blocks, very large amounts comparatively
 - a. One shared with Monroe and Rowe
 - b. One shared with Hawley
 4. Fines for violation of delivery of service speeds
 5. Bids are based on a certain amount per year for 10 years

6. Must be eligible to bid (utility and telco)
 - a. WG&E can bid because they are a utility
 - b. Crocker is a telco
 - c. WiValley / OTT is a telco through OTT
7. Mock auction in early July
8. Goal of the volunteers set a bidding strategy
 - a. Lowest attractive number
 - b. Which census blocks to bid on
 - c. Volunteers to dig into details of CAF II auction formed.
Karen Hogness, Rick DeFillipe, Bill Tucci and Bob Handsaker will meet to discuss.

3. Approval of minutes

- a. Minutes approved - unanimous with 1 exception

4. Report on MBI/EOHED, and other local meetings that are not design specific

- a. EOHED monthly phone call - Bob's take was more encouraging than Trevor.
- b. WiredWest meeting report was provided, although we are not a member town.

5. Status update on WG+E pole walkout and network design

a. Recommendation for invoicing

- i. John Leary reached out regarding the invoicing and he will be discussing on Friday at 11:30
- ii. CAF II conversion as well

b. Status update on mapping

- i. No meeting

c. Status update on design

- i. No meeting

d. Status of the make-ready reimbursement guidelines

- i. No additional information expected.

Next meeting: June 20

Meeting adjourned: 9:00 PM