

CHARLEMONT BROADBAND COMMITTEE

Monday, October 29, 2018 at 6:00 pm at Tyler Memorial Library

Attending: Trevor Mackie, Bob Handsaker, Doug White, Cheryl Handsaker

Missing: Ken Hall, Mary Ellen Banks, and Bill Tucci

Guests: Laury Wills, Linda Jones, Paris Finlay, Charlotte Dewey

1. Approval of minutes

- a. **ACTION TAKEN:** Minutes from Oct 22 approved unanimously

2. Candidates night, Tuesday, Oct 30.

- a. Candidates have been invited to the October 29th Broadband meeting in preparation for candidate's night.
- b. Bob will not be able to attend. Trevor, Cheryl planning to attend.
- c. Preparation for the candidate's night? Only general update.

3. Discussion of recommendation to Selectboard on Broadband

a. Warrant article on Comcast Funding

i. Original

WARRANT ARTICLE FOR BROADBAND PROJECT

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to pursue and contract for the construction and installation of a high-speed broadband network by a third-party telecommunications provider under contract with the Town; to appropriate and authorize the expenditure of up to \$462,000 for such purpose by means of deduction from amounts designated for receipt as State Aid pursuant to a collaborative arrangement with the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development and the Massachusetts Broadband Institute, a division of the Massachusetts Technology Park Corporation, or otherwise; and to authorize the Select Board to take

all action and execute all documents necessary in connection therewith, or to take any other action relative thereto.

ii. Amendment to the Warrant

ACTION TAKEN: Vote to present amendments to the original warrant article as outlined below. Approved unanimously.

WARRANT ARTICLE FOR BROADBAND PROJECT

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to pursue ~~and contract for~~ the construction and installation of a high-speed broadband network by ~~Comcast a third-party telecommunications provider~~ under contract with the *Commonwealth of Massachusetts Town*; to appropriate and authorize the expenditure of up to \$462,000 for such purpose by means of deduction from amounts designated for receipt as State Aid pursuant to a collaborative arrangement with the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development and the Massachusetts Broadband Institute, a division of the Massachusetts Technology Park Corporation, or otherwise; and to authorize the Select Board to take all action and execute all documents necessary in connection therewith, or to take any other action relative thereto.

b. Discussion of proposed

WARRANT ARTICLE FOR AUXILIARY BROADBAND FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$100,000 to be used at the discretion of the Select Board for the purpose of extending broadband service along public ways to currently existing homes in the town of Charlemont.

Follow up discussion on Town of Worthington experience on reconciliation.

Moved to join the Selectboard meeting at 7:01

Recommended amended language for the WARRANT ARTICLE FOR BROADBAND PROJECT was rejected by the Selectboard.

WARRANT ARTICLE FOR AUXILIARY BROADBAND FUNDS was withdrawn from the warrant after discussion.

Selectboard recommends that the information session handouts be limited to one page. Broadband will try to put together information in time for the information to be reviewed. Marguerite suggests that she be the test case.

Peter Larkin of MBI has verbally agreed that will not have money withheld from the cherry sheets until the network is 100% operational.

Information meeting should be scheduled and meeting set for review. Tuesday Nov 13 for joint meeting to review information session materials and recommendations.

Next meeting Wednesday, Nov 7 at 6PM

Meeting adjourned 8:11 PM