

CHARLEMONT BROADBAND COMMITTEE
PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

There will be a public meeting of the Charlemont Broadband Committee on Monday, September 23, 2019 at 6:00 pm at the Tyler Memorial Library.
ATTENDING: Mary Ellen Bank, Trevor Mackie, Bob Handsaker, Ken Hall
GUESTS: Phil Banks

Agenda for 9/23/19 *

Meeting called to order at 6pm.

1. Approval of minutes from 9/18/2019

a. **ACTION TAKEN:** Approved unanimously.

2. Status of NEE

a. Bob talked to Rick Bear and corresponded with Bob Obear. Obear will not bid on the external site work, hopes to start the internal work within a couple of weeks.

3. Status of Make-Ready

a. Status of utility applications

i. No new applications received.

ii. We did get estimated completion dates from the utilities: 5/30/20 from National Grid and 10/30/20 from Verizon.

b. Procurement of roadway conduit on Hawk Hill Rd. and Heath Stage Terrace

i. Discussed quote results to be presented to select board.

ii. There are questions about whether FRCOG did the bidding correctly and also we didn't get as many bidders as hoped.

iii. **ACTION TAKEN:** Motion to recommend that select board not accept any of the bids and cancel the procurement. Decide how to proceed by spring. Passed unanimously.

c. Town Hall Exterior

i. Procurement closed. We received one price quote from Danek Excavating for \$8720. **ACTION TAKEN:** Motion to recommend that select board accept this bid. Approved unanimously.

d. Railroads

- i. Long Bridge
 - 1. No new information from WG+E. Bob to follow up.
- ii. Tower Road
 - 1. Pole hearing has been scheduled for October 7 at 7:15pm.
- iii. South River Road
 - 1. No updates. WG+E should be submitting pole application.
- iv. West Hawley Road residence
 - 1. Bob and Trevor will look at design options.

4. Status of Distribution Network

- a. We received estimated completion dates from the utilities as noted above.
- b. Bob to reach out to WG+E about when we should start procurement.

5. Project Finance Update

a. Status of additional funding sources

- b. Cheryl sent requested documentation to Christine Kimball.
- c. No other status updates.

6. Continue Drop Policy Discussion

- a. Trevor asks: Can we figure out how to merge the latest pricing from WG+E / Triwire with the PPR report? Bob will take a look.
- b. We should analyze whether the Triwire pricing changes our cost estimate for the network.

7. Communication Notes

- a. Facebook push seems to be working well. 50 views.
- b. Cheryl is doing regular updates.

8. Status of Wired West Refunds

- a. Ken talked to three people on his list about refunds. He is working on others.

9. Any other business not reasonably foreseen 48 hours in advance of meeting

- a. No other business.

Next meeting: Change to Tuesday October 1 6 PM

***To the extent known at the date of posting notice
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