

CHARLEMONT BROADBAND COMMITTEE

Monday, October 28, 2019 at 6:00 pm at the Charlemont Town Hall.

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

GUESTS: Phil Banks

1. Approval of minutes from 10/21/2019

a. **ACTION TAKEN:** Unanimously approved

2. Lightning Updates

a. Town Hall - No update on Obear

b. Grid applications are all back. Lynn Hathaway needs to initiate the call with DLS to get an advance from the make-ready fund.

c. Town Hall Exterior

i. Tom Danek has not set a date yet. Hopefully soon.

ii. Inspection services are included - WG&E are asking for photos to confirm the inspection.

iii. \$375 is owed for onsite project management, to be paid only if this work is performed.

d. HST/ HH

i. Met with Sertex to discuss the installation.

ii. HH RD

1. Bottom of HH Rd will be expensive no matter what.

2. Two changes for procurement to potentially save money

a. Plowed install - depth would be 24", no sand bedding

b. Go into the road a bit

iii. HST

1. Also plowed install, 24" no sand bidding.

2. Doesn't tear up the driveway as much

iv. WG&E subcontractor is tough to beat, all coming into the same amount.

v. Next action: WG&E to give us a real estimate for this IGA.

e. Eagle One

i. This has been approved to move forward on Tower Rd.

3. Continue Drop Policy Discussion

a. Review of town policies in other western Mass towns.

i. Add pre/post construction policies

- ii. Add isp if known
 - b. Additional money for last mile monies
 - i. No update has come our way yet
 - c. Discussion of drop policy for Charlemont
- 4. Any other business not reasonably foreseen 48 hours in advance of meeting**
- a. Additional funding - EDA
 - i. Add to the select board agenda permission to follow up on EDA grants and the special employee status that would allow me to pursue these.
 - 1. **ACTION TAKEN:** Recommend Cheryl receive permission to explore the EDA grants on behalf of the broadband project.
 - 2. Cheryl will write to Sarah about getting permission for exploring eda grants.

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

Posted on or before 10/22/19 by: C.P.H.