

## **CHARLEMONT BROADBAND COMMITTEE**

**Monday, March 9 at 6:00 pm at the Charlemont Town Hall**

**ATTENDING: Bob Handsaker, Trevor Mackie, Mary Ellen Banks, Cheryl Handsaker**

**MISSING: Ken Hall, Bill Tucci**

**GUESTS: Phil Banks**

### **1. Approve Minutes and Meeting Notes from 3/2/2020**

- a. **ACTION TAKEN:** Approved unanimously with one abstention

### **2. Grant Application**

- a. Committee will review the current application and will provide feedback

### **3. Status of NEE**

- a. Update on Construction Progress

### **4. Status of Make-Ready**

#### **a. Make-ready progress**

- i. Update on in progress make-ready
- ii. WG&E have suggested a daily check in

#### **b. Town Hall Exterior**

#### **c. Railroads**

##### **i. Long Bridge**

1. Osmose has reported that an easement on Jerry Pratt's property for crossing the long bridge. Should we consider paying for the easement? Have other towns paid for easement?
2. Any utility pole changes are independent of the proposed broadband town pole
3. Deciding whether we should remove the four poles and file a new application later
4. Long Bridge replacement is likely 2-3 years out

##### **ii. Tower Road**

##### **iii. South River Road**

1. We have all Verizon poles fully licensed.
2. We should check on fallen tree on wire and report to Verizon if still present.

##### **iv. West Hawley Road residence**

1. This is in progress. Chris Gray got back to Trevor. He is working on it and wants to know if we have authority to do tree trimming. Bob recommends

we find out what Chris is thinking and assume we cannot get an easement for tree trimming.

- v. Ledge Lane: Trevor will check on how Grid is doing on the new trenching and new conduit installation.

## 5. **Status of Distribution Network**

### a. Status of the distribution network construction procurement

#### i. Procurement Package

- 1. This is out the door
- 2. Bob and Trevor will try to review the latest design changes from PVC to make sure they are correct prior to the pre-bid meeting.

#### ii. Design

#### iii. Path preparation

#### iv. Heath Stage Terrace

#### v. Hawk Hill Rd.

#### vi. Warner Hill Rd.

- 1. Initial cost estimates for Warner Hill Rd. are back from WG&E. Cost differential of \$8000 more for underground, but these are estimates. Design should be forthcoming.

### b. Status of edge cases

#### i. Heath.

- 1. Selectboard approved the IGA with Heath. Forwarded to Heath for their signature.

#### ii. Rowe

### c. PPR Report was discussed with WG&E

- i. They will not charge us for the original PPR report and the new PPR report
- ii. We need to get procurements out for the next set of path prep projects.

## 6. **Project Schedule Update**

## 7. **Project Finance Update**

## 8. **Communication Notes**

Adjourned 7:49 pm