

## **CHARLEMONT BROADBAND COMMITTEE**

**Monday, March 16 at 6:00 pm at the Charlemont Town Hall**

**ATTENDING: Bob Handsaker, Doug White, Cheryl Handsaker, Trevor Mackie**

**MISSING: Mary Ellen Banks, Ken Hall, Bill Tucci**

### **1. Approve Minutes and Meeting Notes from 3/9/2020**

#### **a. Status of NEE**

#### **b. Update on Construction Progress**

- i. Nothing has been updated. Town hall access? March 31 deadline?
  1. Bob will reach out.

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

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

#### **b. Railroads**

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

1. Cost estimates from Osmose for two options:
  - a. Private Way - \$30,700
  - b. New poles - \$53,700
2. ACTION TAKEN: Recommend the private way crossing after confirming the \$1700/ year cost. Bob=yes, Trevor=yes, Doug - yes, Cheryl - yes
3. Bob will reach out to PanAm to confirm costs.
4. Pole 2.5 / P3 on north side electric lines go across the road - make sure these are in the applications.

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

1. No update.

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

1. No update.

#### **iv. Ledge Lane**

1. Conduit is going in - conduit is on the left side. They did not put in the metal sweeps and they will return to add these.

#### **v. West Hawley Road residence**

1. Chris Gray has no concerns with trees at this time. ONT chosen? Cabinet?
2. Trevor will confirm we are looking for an estimate at this time and that there is no expectation of payment.

### **3. Status of Distribution Network**

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

- i. Procurement Package
  - 1. Design
  - 2. Return from PVC, WG&E in review and will have it to review by tomorrow.
- b. Path preparation
  - i. WG&E will allow us to do this path procurement through an IGA. WG&E price and also possibly procurement at 1.25%? Bob will meet this team on Friday.
- c. Status of edge cases
  - i. Heath
    - 1. Print a clean copy of the IGA and recommend it to the Selectboard.
      - a. Heath
        - i. Heath has signed the IGA and will be sending this to us by mail
        - ii. Bosoleil communication
      - b. Rowe
        - i. Need to start on this ASAP
    - 2. No action taken.

#### **4. Project Schedule Update**

- a. Project plan review
  - i. PreCon Meeting - Ready to roll
  - ii. Distribution Network - Not a lot of news from the Q&A from the Procurement.
  - iii. Rowe IGA
  - iv. Long Bridge
  - v. ISP Selection

#### **5. Project Finance Update**

- a. Payments/ Income of Broadband project
  - i. Agenda for Operational Accounting
- b. Status of additional funding sources
  - i. Discussed support for the application.

#### **6. Communication Notes**

- a. Workshop planning?
  - i. No update
- b. Wired West communications with folks without provided email contact information

i. No update

Next meeting March 23, 2020 @ 6PM via conference call

Adjourned 7:07 pm