

## **CHARLEMONT BROADBAND COMMITTEE**

**Monday, July 20, 2020 at 6:00 pm**

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

**MISSING: Doug White, Ken Hall, Bill Tucci**

**GUESTS: Valentine Reid**

### **1. Approve Minutes and Meeting Notes from 7/13/2020**

- a. Vote to approve the minutes of 7/13/2020
  - i. Trevor - yes, Mary Ellen-abstain, Cheryl-yes, Bob-yes

### **2. Status of NEE**

- a. Update on Construction
  - i. Team met and created a punch list for Bob Obear.
  - ii. Bob Obear responded on the status of the NEE. Bob and Trevor will review this punch list to see what's complete.
  - iii. Verified electrical inspections have been done, final inspection is scheduled for smoke alarm is complete.

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

- a. Long Bridge
  - i. No update
- b. Tower Road
  - i. No update
- c. West Hawley Road residence
  - i. No update
- d. Town Hall Exterior
  - i. Find out from Sarah the status of the generator
- e. Path preparation make-ready
  - i. Heath Stage Terrace
    1. Selectboard approved moving forward with TriWire
    2. WG&E notified that we want to move ahead
  - ii. Hawk Hill Rd
    1. Meeting held on the 15th at the Fairgrounds
    2. Three residents showed up, one in support, two with concerns.
    3. Follow up phone call with one of the attending residents called and said they would support an aerial solution.

4. Sarah asked Bob to reach out to others who did not attend. One respondent was delighted. They are having issues with electrical service. Contact information for National Grid has been sent to this resident.
  5. Another resident called in support based on unreliable power.
  6. Bob will follow up with National Grid to move ahead.
  7. Bob will reach out to the Select Board to make sure they understand the consequences of their vote on the pole hearing.
  8. Committee will request a review of the National Grid aerial design.
- iii. Warner Hill Rd.
1. Danek Construction has been awarded.
  2. Bob will schedule a meeting with Tom and Gordon Hathaway
- f. Status of edge cases
- i. Rowe IRU
    1. Charlemont has signed it
    2. Rowe Town Administrator picked up the contracts and is asking Rowe to sign.

#### **4. ISP Contact**

- a. Update on contract and amendment draft
  - i. No update.
  - ii. Bob will follow up with WG&E about next actions.

#### **5. Drops**

- a. Update on drop policy review
  - i. Example Terms of Use agreement. Clarifying language example in the residential policy.
  - ii. Bob will also discuss with WG&E
  - iii. Committee to review and, if no concerns, clarify residential language on sharing service.

#### **6. Project Finance Update**

- a. 2021 budget update
  - i. No budget update.
  - ii. Reach out for the end of year balance.
- b. Status of additional funding sources
  - i. RBDG
    1. No update
  - ii. Non-governmental sources

1. Might need to be a non-profit to receive certain types of non-governmental money
2. Valentine will follow up with any leads in this areas.

**7. Project Schedule Update**

- a. Project plan review

**8. Communication Notes**

- a. Poster for ATM
  - i. Mary Ellen did a draft.
- b. Wired West closure
  - i. No update

**9. Select Board Agenda Items**

- a. **Obear Construction extension**
- b. **Generator Update**
  - i. Cheryl will check in with Dennis Annear
- c. Pole hearing on July 27, 7:15 PM,

Bob will make sure we get on the calendar with WG&E.

Meeting adjourned 7:36 pm.