

## **CHARLEMONT BROADBAND COMMITTEE PUBLIC MEETING**

**ATTENDING: Bob Handsaker, Trevor Mackie, Mary Ellen Banks, Valentine Reid, Doug White, and Cheryl Handsaker**

**MISSING: Ken Hall**

### **1. Approve Minutes and Meeting Notes from 9/28/2020**

- a. Minutes approved
  - i. Trevor - yes, Cheryl-yes, Bob-yes, Doug - yes, Valentine - yes, Mary Ellen - yes, Ken-missing

### **2. Select Board Agenda**

- a. CARES MP
  - i. Questions/ Thoughts:
    - 1. Would we run the network connection through WG&E? That would be the assumption.
    - 2. Opportunity in the future for public access within the town hall.
- b. Community Compact
  - i. Committee strongly recommended the Core Component as our contribution for Select Board consideration

### **3. ISP/NO Contact**

- a. Update on letter
  - i. Draft has been sent to WG&E. Waiting on feedback.

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

- a. General
  - i. Verizon: 7 of 17 applications received
  - ii. If you see a Verizon Tech, ask them if there are any trouble spots
  - iii. Traffic Calming: Reach out to Mark Page to find out the status of the project. Trevor and Bob worried about the make-ready in this area and will reach out to Mark Page.
- b. Hub Equipment
  - i. Axia will be doing a survey for the connection to the MBI network
- c. Long Bridge
  - i. A lot of confusion about this section, Osmose designed a good crossing. WG&E need to reflect this design in a drawing. Trevor and Bob are working with all parties to get an accurate drawing and design.
- d. Tower Road
  - i. Tree trimming scheduled for the end of Oct.
  - ii. Selectboard wants the insurance in place before the work begins.
- e. West Hawley Road residence
  - i. No update.

- ii. No line-of-sight to the top of Berkshire East
- f. Town Hall Exterior
  - i. No update.
- g. Town Hall Generator
  - i. No update.
  - ii. Added to the Select Board agenda
  - iii. Concerns about getting the conduit in place before the electronics prior to the installation of the items
- h. Heath Stage Terrace
  - i. Project is complete.
- i. Hawk Hill Rd
  - i. No update.
  - ii. No ConCom hearing scheduled
- j. Warner Hill Rd.
  - i. Bob approved going ahead with Burke Electric
  - ii. Easement papers back from legal and out to the abutters.
  - iii. Danek progress is slowed. There appears to be some difficulty with the pull string inside the conduit. WG&E will be back up to check the conduit. One pull box has been installed at the pole string and they have a pull string.

## 5. Drops

- a. Update on one-page document
- b. Material storage
  - i. Trevor is expecting material for homeowner drops on Tuesday.

## 6. Presubscription Prep

## 7. Project Schedule Update

## 8. Project Finance Update

- a. 2021 budget update
  - i. \$500,000 State house note on 10/27
  - ii. Committee does not recommend dissolving the MLP as this will have significant implications for the project.
- b. Status of additional funding sources
  - i. Non-governmental sources
  - ii. Community Compact IT Grant
  - iii. CARES Act Funding
  - iv. RBDG Grant

## 9. Communication Notes

- a. Timeline for folks.

**Next meeting, Monday, October 12 @ 6 PM**