

## **CHARLEMONT BROADBAND COMMITTEE**

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

**MISSING: Ken Hall**

### **1. Approve Meeting Notes from 10/12/2020**

- a. **ACTION TAKEN:** Trevor - yes, Cheryl-yes, Bob-yes, Doug - yes, Valentine - abstain, Mary Ellen - yes

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

- a. General
  - i. Application 10 - was it really done? Bob remains unclear. Doug will follow up to see this status
- b. Long Bridge
  - i. Bob followed up with PanAm and has received a response and these have been forwarded to TriWire/ WG&E. Bob will follow up with TriWire.
- c. Tower Road
  - i. Anticipating tree trimming for next week.
- d. West Hawley Road residence
  - i. No update.
- e. Town Hall Exterior
  - i. No update.
- f. Town Hall Generator
  - i. Nothing has been done in the cellar this week.
  - ii. No update.
- g. Hawk Hill Rd
  - i. Tree Warden was contacted and meeting with National Grid is scheduled.
- h. Warner Hill Rd.
  - i. Nothing has been done since last time. Still at the layout area. No new reel of conduit. Are we expecting one?
  - ii. Kendricks' have completed their land transfer. Sent this info to town counsel. Counsel has not yet responded. Randall has not responded.

### **3. ISP Contact**

- a. Update on contract and amendment draft
  - i. Sent questions to legal counsel but have not yet heard back
  - ii. Bob will follow up once the easement contracts are

### **4. Drops**

- a. Update on one-page document
  - i. Cheryl & Val will meet on this on Tues at 7:30 to get this moving ahead.
- b. Materials & storage
  - i. In stock at WG&E, no rush on ordering this. Handsakers can store temporarily.

- ii. Trevor reached out to ConCom regulations for digging on a wetland.

## **5. Presubscription Prep**

## **6. Project Finance Update**

- a. 2021 budget update
  - i. Due to illness, will the State House notes borrowing may be pushed back.
  - ii. Bob will raise concerns for borrowing timeline with the Select Board.
  - iii. How are responsibilities covered in these circumstances?
- b. Status of additional funding sources
  - i. Non-governmental sources
    - 1. Next actions? Maybe municipal bonds is an area where eligibility might be an option. Be aware and leverage in the future as needed. Return to this in December. Reach out to other Massachusetts municipalities to see about the process.
  - ii. Community Compact IT Grant
    - 1. Filed Tuesday.
  - iii. CARES MP
    - 1. Reached out to Sean Cronin.
  - iv. CARES Act Funding
    - 1. EDA statement.
  - v. RBDG Grant
    - 1. Holding the purchase for State House Notes.
    - 2. Write report

## **7. Project Schedule Update**

- a. ISP/ NO - Still the long pole.

## **8. Communication Notes**

- a. Phone - Selling a home on HST.
- b. Timeline post prior to the information sessions

## **9. Select Board Agenda**

- a. Generator
- b. Borrowing
- c. Grant Updates
- d. ISP/ NO agreement
- e. Status update

## **10. Weds - Call with EOHEd**

- a. Mohawk Trail State Forest
  - i. Operations as well as construction costs.
    - 1. Full cost of construction
    - 2. Connection costs that will cover resale use

3. Maintenance and fiber repair protection.
4. Consider telecom emergency cells

**11. WG&E on Friday**

- a. End of life on Nokia?

Meeting adjourned to join the Select Board,