

## CHARLEMONT BROADBAND COMMITTEE

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

**MISSING:** Ken Hall

### **1. Approve Minutes and Meeting Notes from 1/25/2021**

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

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

- a. General
  - i. Remedial make-ready expected complete by the end of the week.
- b. Railroads
  - i. No update
- c. West Hawley Road residence
  - i. Bob will follow up related to powering the system.
  - ii. Chris Gray has returned an estimate for the service. There are a couple of questions about poles and locations.
  - iii. GSET is still working on the proposal. Val will follow up for a proposal by next week.
- d. Thunder Mountain Lane residence
  - i. No update.
- e. Town Hall Exterior
  - i. No update.
- f. Town Hall Generator
  - i. No update.
- g. Hawk Hill Rd
  - i. No update.
- h. Warner Hill Rd.
  - i. No update.
- i. South River Rd.
  - i. No update.

### **3. Distribution Network**

- a. General
  - i. Kick-off is postponed until Weds and perhaps include Saturday if needed to stay on track.
  - ii. Snow and the lay-down area - on Weds they will have all the strand reels on trailers.
    - 1. Doug can go up and knock-it down tomorrow for Weds.

- iii. Police details - Police Chief asserts that they believe they must pay a minimum \$50/hr wage for the jobs.
  - b. Address discrepancies update
    - i. No update.
  - c. Dirt Roads update
    - i. No update.
- 4. Hub Electronics**
  - a. Active electronics have been purchased
  - b. UDSA RBDG grant closed out final payment expected this week of \$36,000.
- 5. Drops**
  - a. Status and Next actions
    - i. No discussion.
  - b. ConCom
    - i. No discussion.
- 6. Subscription Campaign**
  - a. Status and next actions
    - i. No update.
- 7. Project Finance Update**
  - a. No update.
- 8. Project Schedule Update**
  - a. A schedule has been provided.
    - i. Can we spend money to accelerate the project?
      - 1. We don't have money at this time.
      - 2. We need a clearer sense of where and why the delays are expected in the schedule in order to try to accelerate.
    - ii. Can some of the work be done with additional staff/ subcontractors?
      - 1. Fixed bid contract so the subcontractor will need to be engaged by TriWire.
- 9. Communication Notes**
  - a. Be circumspect about what we are posting in terms of the construction materials to keep them safe.
- 10. Any other business not reasonably foreseen 48 hours in advance of meeting**
  - a. MPLS meeting report from Val and Trevor
    - i. Continuing conversation about connecting to Light Tower for a backhaul link to Albany