

## **CHARLEMONT BROADBAND COMMITTEE**

**ATTENDING: Bob Handsaker, Trevor Mackie, Doug White, Ken Hall, and Cheryl Handsaker**

**MISSING: Mary Ellen Banks, Valentine Reid**

Meeting was not posted on time, so the meeting is informational only, no actions were taken.

### **1. Approve Minutes and Meeting Notes from 4/26/2021**

- a. Will review and approve next week

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

- a. West Hawley Road residence
  - i. Owners of the residence do want to take service and do understand the service limitations.
  - ii. WG&E has the next step to access if the pole can be reused.
  - iii. WG&E may reach out to the residence.
- b. Thunder Mountain Lane residence
  - i. No update.
- c. Town Hall Exterior
  - i. No update.
- d. Town Hall Generator
  - i. No update.
- e. Hawk Hill Rd
  - i. Applications for the Verizon and National Grid poles have been submitted.
  - ii. May be able to get the attachment height and verbal agreement.
- f. Tree trimming at Shunpike
  - i. WG&E had Grid come to evaluate the poles. Grid agreed the poles need to be replaced. Grid will likely do the tree timing when the poles are replaced.

### **3. Distribution Network**

- a. Insurance update
  - i. No update. Doug has left the information about the network.
  - ii. WiredWest hasn't responded about why they didn't insure drops
- a. NJUNS IGA
  - i. Bring before the Select Board this evening for approval.
- b. Construction is moving along. Still completing the easements in FSA 05 and then doing the MSTs. Splicing continues to lag behind the rest of the distribution network in terms of scheduling. Bob will follow up on this splicing.

### **2. Hub Electronics**

- a. Insurance update
  - i. Will request an update on the insurance from the Executive Secretary no confirmation.
- b. Schedule update
  - i. WG&E are planning to be in place May 24
  - ii. Local Lynx is expected May 17 but have not received confirmation of this date.

### **4. Drops**

- a. Schedule for underground consultations

- i. Caitrin is supposed to be scheduling the first two trial installations with the homeowners and the Conservation Commission.
  - b. South River Rd condos
    - i. Completed the inside installation. Homeowner's Association should be receiving a price shortly.
    - ii. Be sure to remind the homeowners that they must be signed up.
  - c. Other MDUs
    - i. Discussed items with the landlord of Health Stage Apts and 122 Main Street. Contact information has been sent to WG&E for discussion.
    - ii. Discussed the Woodland Park trailer park to create a plan to put in cold drops for all the items. There are also overhead possibilities for some of the locations.
    - iii. Red Rose and the Oxbow might be considered special drops
  - d. AAC has also requested a consultation
  - e. Municipal drops are in process.
- 5. **Commercial Pricing**
  - a. Val has contacted Red Rose, tried to contact Oxbow Motel, and has no updates as yet
  - b. Val is working on an update for commercial policy for our review
  - c. Bob talked with AAC twice. They may have a contract for the next year.
  - d. Campground pricing was also discussed
- 6. **Subscription Campaign**
  - a. Subscription Update
    - i. 44% hot drops, 47% of all drops
  - b. Outreach update & next actions
    - i. EBB is coming out on May 12 with a nationwide rollout. WG&E are ready to go when the FCC releases the program.
    - ii. FCC information is being used.
  - c. Data Privacy
- 7. **Project Schedule Update**
  - a. Still on track in FSA 01.
- 8. **Project Finance Update**
  - a. On track for closing on May 12 and we have not touched stabilization
- 9. **Communication Notes**
  - a. Prep for ATM, Election Day, Candidates Night, Information Session?

Next meeting, Monday, May 10 @ 6PM

Meeting adjourned to attend the Select Board meeting, 6:55 PM