

CHARLEMONT BROADBAND COMMITTEE PUBLIC MEETING

Monday, May 17, 2021 at 6:00 pm

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

1. Approve Meeting Notes from 5/10/2021

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

2. Status of Make-Ready

- a. West Hawley Road residence
 - i. No update
- b. Thunder Mountain Lane residence
 - i. Check has been sent
- c. Town Hall Exterior
 - i. No update
- d. Town Hall Generator
 - i. No update
- e. Hawk Hill Rd
 - i. WG&E is on this
- f. Pole replacements Shunpike
 - i. National Grid is on this.

3. Distribution Network

- a. Insurance update
 - i. Doug is following up with the insurance company
 - ii. Most towns are not insuring the drops so we did not include this on the mileage and equipment estimate.
- b. Capture the need for redundancy planning and financing.

2. Hub Electronics

- a. MBI expected this week
- b. Splicer in the hut hoped to be in place
- c. WG&E will be in town next week

4. Drops

- a. Schedule for all underground consultations
 - i. Some have been started last week
 - ii. Checking in with the ConCom, Bill Harker will likely be the representative doing the inspections. Carlene will support the email trail.
- b. MDUs (South River Rd condos, Heath Stage Apartments, 122 Main, Woodland Park)
 - i. Sketch being prepared for Woodland Park

5. Commercial Pricing

- a. Status and next actions

6. **Subscription Campaign**

- a. Subscription Update
- b. Outreach update & next actions
 - i. Cheryl will reach out to the school
 - 1. Underground drop
 - 2. School bags
 - ii. ABM will have a table
- c. Communication Notes
 - i. Prep for ATM, Candidates night, election outreach
 - 1. Election outreach - Bob, Cheryl, Mary Ellen, Trevor can staff a table. Cheryl will come up to set up and staff 5-7.
- d. Data Privacy

7. **Project Schedule Update**

- a. Project remains on or ahead of schedule at this time.

8. **Project Finance Update**

- a. Closed the state house notes financing
- b. ARPA funding state and local funds \$360,000 looks like we can use this for our work