

CHARLEMONT BROADBAND COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, July 19, 2021 at 6:00 pm

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

MISSING:

1. Approve Meeting Notes from 7/12/2021

ACTION TAKEN: Val-abstain, Mary Ellen - yes, Doug-yes, Cheryl- yes, Bob- yes

2. Status of Make-Ready

- a. West Hawley Road residence
 - i. No update.
- b. Town Hall Generator
 - i. Delayed installation due to supply chain issues from the pandemic
 - ii. Palmeri electric may be able to provide a temporary generator
- c. Shunpike
 - i. WG&E and National Grid is in discussion about the remaining tree trimming

3. Distribution Network

- a. FSA 01: Friendlies are scheduled and moving forward to general release
- b. FSA 01: Still on schedule
- c. FSA 03: Question, will service be available to all folks in first case at corner.
- d. FSA 05: Splicing on-going, issue splicing one of the FSA 05 with ongoing pole splicing
- e. FSA 04: Remaining pulling the fiber through the conduit on Heath Stage Terrace
- f. FSA 02: Woodland Park, Mohawk Park design, ShunPike tree trimming need to be completed to stay ahead of construction.

4. Drops

- a. No aerial drops over the hot drop subsidy. Cold drop pricing will be sent.
 - i. Bob will follow up to get the cold drop pricing from Chris
- b. Underground Drops requiring communication
 - i. ¾ of all undergrounds have been completed.
 - ii. Questions on the Mohawk Park design
 - iii. 34 Johnson Rd
 - 1. Can the installers bore under the road, costing will come back based on crossing the road?
- c. MDU Status: South River Rd condos, 122 Main, Woodland Park
 - i. S River Rd condos - if all owners are not on board, there will be more out of pocket and some of the units might be held until the customers get town approval and the town will reach out to the paid owners to see if they will allow the connection.
 - ii. Mohawk Park
 - 1. Design changes were incorrect. Bob has returned this to WG&E with corrections after meeting with the owners.
 - 2. Put everything on posts not mobile homes.
 - iii. Woodland Park

1. Design changes have been approved up to the MST.
 2. WG&E needs to get this onto the CAD drawings for constructions
 3. Put everything on posts not mobile homes.
- iv. 122 Main
 1. No update
- d. FSA 01 Friendlies
 - i. Scheduled
 - ii. Friendlies will contact WCF and let Broadband know if this is difficult.
 - iii. WCF will do the first two, TriWire will do the last 4-6.
 - e. Schedule for all FSA 01 go-live installations
 - i. Still on track for general installation following a short 'friendly' period.
 - f. Pod should arrive Weds at the Fairgrounds.
5. **Commercial Pricing**
 - a. Turning up the service in season, and reduce in off-season
 6. **Subscription Campaign**
 - a. 383 subscribers
 - b. Once the general installation date is known, push all FSA 01
 - c. Data Privacy
 7. **Project Schedule Update**
 - a. Trying to accelerate but running into competition with other towns.
 8. **Project Finance Update**
 - a. At this time ARPA money is still applied to broadband
 - b. Project is still on budget
 - c. Cash management for the Enterprise Fund is being worked on
 - d. Working with the State legislature on state level ARPA money to allocate to broadband for Charlemont. Public hearings will be scheduled. Town should submit a written statement to the public hearing process to direct the funding to the broadband effort. Bob and Val will meet to discuss an outline.
 9. **Resiliency Meeting**
 - a. Addressed some issues with redundancy but not if there is a single point of failure. They are aware of it but it is not their highest priority.
 - b. Redundancy portion is just buying MBI for 50% off for the second line.
 - c. Can Charlemont just buy an Easterly or Westerly connection and switch traffic in case of failure? No? Can they not split the traffic?
 - d. WiredWest / Rowe are asking for a redundant connection
 10. **Heath Edge Case**
 - a. Adding 14 Center Heath Rd to the IGA
 - b. Check if we are licensed on the poles and sign the pole leases over to the Town of Heath
 - c. Heath will coordinate the build

Next meeting Monday, July 26th @ 6PM

Meeting adjourned 7:20 PM