

CHARLEMONT BROADBAND COMMITTEE

ATTENDING: Bob Handsaker, Doug White, Valentine Reid, and Cheryl Handsaker

MISSING: Ken Hall, Trevor Mackie, Mary Ellen Banks

1. Approve Meeting Notes from 8/30/2021

- a. **ACTION TAKEN: Approve meeting notes**
 - i. **Val-yes, Doug-yes, Cheryl- yes, Bob- yes**

2. Status of Make-Ready

- a. West Hawley Road residence
 - i. Cheryl will follow up with Access Plus - Doug Norton
- b. Town Hall Generator
 - i. No update
- c. Shunpike
 - i. Town Administrator has been moving things along and it is still in permitting. Moving along.

3. Distribution Network

- a. Construction Update
 - i. Splicing resources have not been deployed in town. Schedule is slipping day for day while splicers are not working on Charlemont.
 - ii. Cheryl will ask Access Plus again, and follow up with Amenitek
- b. Resiliency Planning
 - i. Short term solution: Shared MBI connection?
 - 1. Vijay may have a solution. Trying to schedule meeting with WCF.
 - ii. Long term solution: We received a Proposal for signature through docusign.
 - 1. Bob has asked a couple of follow up questions of WCF:
 - a. Cost if not all towns share cost?
 - b. Who should sign this agreement?
 - 2. Scheduling a meeting to move this forward.
- c. Hub Monitoring
 - i. Monitoring has shown a significant increase in the Humidity being out of range (set at 70%)
 - ii. Bob reached out to Climates by Pomeroy to see if there is any servicing needed.
 - iii. We should have an action plan, write down a short-term protocol.
 - 1. Short-term, broadband committee members with network room access will put fans in the open door for heat emergencies (over 85 degrees).
 - a. We will establish a written protocol.

4. Drops

- a. MDU Status: South River Rd condos, 122 Main, Woodland Park, Mohawk Park
 - i. Most of these are moving along.
- b. Underground Drops requiring communication

- i. Johnson Rd address - moving forward and town has weighed in.

5. Commercial Pricing

- a. Reviewed businesses that are in discussion and developed a process to move this ahead.

6. Subscription Campaign

- a. [Subscription Update](#)
- b. Data Privacy
 - i. [Review policy](#)
 - ii. Will vote on approval at the next meeting.

7. Project Finance Update

- a. Some ARPA money has been received and we are charging construction costs to the ARPA funds. These are ARPA local fiscal recovery funds.
- b. Bob may be giving testimony to the joint committee studying how to distribute the ARPA state fiscal recovery funds.

Next meeting, Sept 13 @ 6PM

Meeting adjourned, 7:44 PM