

CHARLEMONT BROADBAND COMMITTEE

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

1. Approve Meeting Notes from 4/13/2022

- a. ACTION TAKEN: Motion by Doug, seconded by Ken.
 - i. Bob - yes, Mary Ellen - yes, Val- yes, Doug - yes, Ken - abstain, Cheryl- abstain

2. Status of Make-Ready

- a. True-up update
 - i. State has let us know the true-up update payment is on its way.
- b. West Hawley Road residence
 - i. No update

3. Distribution Network

- a. Construction Update
 - i. The Network Construction Holds are expected to be resolved by the end of next week, May 6.
 - ii. There is at least one bad MST that needs to be replaced.
- b. Resiliency Update
 - i. Scope of work will be included in the signatory, Heath is taking the lead on this one
 - ii. Cost-sharing agreement is in progress, Charlemont is taking the lead
 - iii. Secondary backhaul is in process, the location is in conversation.
 - 1. Leyden and Charlemont are contenders for the backhaul owner.
 - 2. Consider if they offer SLAs and if that changes by backhaul location
- c. Hub Monitoring/ Emergency Response Update
 - i. Val circulated his latest thinking about this with the response matrix.
 - ii. Consider a town account for a cloud-based camera surveillance. Trevor and Val will take the next steps.
 - iii. Look at the 911 dispatch for contact about automated alerts. Val will be connecting with the Fire Chief to see the next steps.

4. Drops

- a. Subsidy deadline
 - i. State is currently contributing \$500 but that will end.
 - ii. We want to encourage signups now when the costs are known and the benefit to subscribers will be best as earlier as possible.
 - iii. Need a construction conclusion in November for financing.
 - iv. Motion to use August 31 as the cutoff date to be in the queue
 - 1. ACTION TAKEN: Motion by Ken, seconded by Doug
 - a. Bob - yes, Mary Ellen - yes, Val- yes, Doug - yes, Ken - yes, Cheryl- yes, Trevor - yes

- v. Future costs of at least \$600-\$700, these are currently under a time and materials contract that will get renegotiated.
 - b. 60 South River Rd
 - i. Redirection of the underground installation construction has caused concerns about being able to service and maintain the installation.
 - ii. Waiting on information related to costs of a new path
 - iii. Consider a waiver for liability.
5. **Commercial Pricing**
- a. Doug will follow up with new commercial subscriber
6. **Subscription Campaign**
- a. [Subscription Update](#)
7. **Project Finance Update**
- a. Status and Next actions
8. **Internet speed optimization**
- a. Can we get the data from CAF II?
 - b. Second GB backhaul coming online May 2
9. Any other business not reasonably foreseen 48 hours in advance of the meeting
- a. Town Meeting ATM handout
 - i. State of Broadband
 - ii. ACP information
 - iii. Last call for subsidies
 - b. Spring picnic?

Next meeting, May 11 @ 6:30

Meeting adjourned 8:25