

## **CHARLEMONT BROADBAND COMMITTEE**

**ATTENDING: Bob Handsaker, Mary Ellen Banks, Lora Fulton, Ken Hall, Cheryl Handsaker**

### **Digital Equity Planning**

- Regional Digital Equity plan established working with FRCOG
- Some discussion on regionally pooling funds to go into Cyber Seniors through GCC
  - More than technical support, this became an intergenerational connection.
  - December 5 is the next meeting for discussion.
    - How would it work in Charlemont?
    - Where could this be held?
    - Could we send mentors of all ages trained?
    - Do the mentors receive stipends? How much?
- Another option is sharing an educational consultant with another town.
- [Group will prepare the form responses.](#)

### **Update on National Grid Project and Pole Hearing**

- EverSource is clear that the attachers are not required to pay for actions being taken for the benefit of the vendor.
- Pole licenses are being waived as National Grid is giving 12” of municipal space on the poles.

### **Town Open Space and Recreation Plan**

- Fairgrounds for public access to the fiber network.
- MOTION: As a committee, recommend that we include “invest in public wi-fi to key locations in town” into the OSRP
  - Motion by Bob, Second by Lora - passed unanimously.

### **Approve Meeting Minutes from 6/6/2024**

**MOTION by Mary Ellen, second by Lora. Unanimous yes.**

Motion to adjourn 7:02 PM, Unanimous