

CHARLEMONT BROADBAND COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 30, 2025

ATTENDING: Bob Handsaker, Cheryl Handsaker, Amy Wales, Ken Hall

Absent: Mary Ellen Banks

Meeting called to order at 6:10pm.

1. Review and approve meeting notes from [7/1/2025](#)

MOTION: to approve: Made by Amy, seconded by Bob: Approved unanimously

2. Update on Digital Equity Grant Initiatives

We received the grant and Cheryl has been overseeing implementation of the program and spending the grant money.

a. Device Distribution Program

i. [Qualification](#) form

MOTION: to approve the program guidelines and qualification form: Made by Amy, seconded by Bob: Approved unanimously.

Secure device storage will be in town hall, Sarah Reynolds, Bob Handsaker and Thorne Palmer will have keys. Amy can be available for device distribution as well.

ii. Promotion

- 1. WCF email to lifeline subscribers**
- 2. Charlemont Connect blast**
- 3. Outreach as part of MVP at town hall**
- 4. Purchasing support**

Cheryl is looking for input and/or help with picking out devices for distribution.

Cheryl will reach out to Lora Fulton to see if she is willing to help.

b. Programming through CyberSeniors

i. Weekly tech support

ii. Monthly workshops

3. Any other business not reasonably foreseen 48 hours in advance of the meeting

Bob gave an update on issues related to National Grid.

First was that there are ongoing discussions between National Grid and the town on conditions the town put on make-ready work related to the Legate Hill pole hearing.

Second is related to the large Avery Brook Road project. There have been \$5000-6000 of DigSafe/USIC charges related to the project. Also a resident reached out with a question about whether there is sufficient slack on South River Road for moving our cables. Bob will check with National Grid, but he also did a drive-by and he didn't see any obvious big problems.

MOTION: to adjourn at 6:55pm. Approved unanimously.