

## **Economic Development Update**

October 2, 2012

### **Telecommunications**

#### Fairpoint (Broadband to East Dover)

Requests have been made from both Fairpoint and Cliff Duncan as to the cost of providing Internet service to both Woodsman Road and Woodsman Road Extension. To date there has been no response from either broadband supplier.

#### Cell Service

Nothing new to report

#### VTEL

Vtel, Fairpoint and Duncan Cable will be at the next bi-town meeting on October 4<sup>th</sup> to give updates as to their plans.

#### eVermont

##### *Wi Fi Hotspots*

Ken Carnisi from Anaptyx has corrected the splash page problem and provided a mechanism to change the admin password. We sent an email to him regarding placement of repeaters as a precursor to ordering additional repeaters. The price difference between Anaptyx and Cisco is substantial and continued use of Anaptyx is preferential although use of another vendor's hardware is possible.

We are installing the second free Internet connection at Sticky Fingers, as well as a future repeater as soon as which vendor is selected. We are continuing from the far end so we can evaluate where future repeaters will pick up the signal.

The portal, [www.discoverdovervt.com](http://www.discoverdovervt.com) is being populated with all of the businesses from the town website business directory and should be completed by the end of October.

### **Website**

We are evaluating several free or low cost, open source wordpress templates to see the effort involved at porting data to a different look and feel for the town website.

### **Trails**

Nothing new to report.

## **Beautification**

Lamoureux & Dickinson has indicated that the final report on the Architectural Landscape Study will be available by October 12<sup>th</sup>. The latest plan is available on the town website under Landscape Master Planning Project within Economic Development (<http://www.doververmont.com/town-dover-landscape-master-planning-project>).

The suggested banner design will be discussed along with the purchase of additional winter and summer banners.

We are going to add lights to the bridge along the valley trail as part of the Bright Lights project and the bright lights valley wide project is moving forward for this year running from December 1 through the end of February. The theme for this year is starry nights.

Efficiency Vermont will be presenting a proposal to replace the approximately 18 town owned street lights with LED lights. The cost is \$4000 and will yield a payback in 4 years.

## **Marketing**

A member of the board of directors for the Partridge Run Association called to express his concern regarding plans for an expanded airport in Dover. He was referred to the Selectboard minutes of September 4, 2012.

To date, there is 1 holdout for submission of their invoices for Q2.

The amount available for Q1 2013 is \$4993.

We had our second meeting of the business revitalization rebate program and our third meeting is scheduled for October 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Byways project has gotten support from 7 towns – Whitingham, Wilmington, Dover, Stratton, Wardsboro, Stamford and Jamaica. Discussions are continuing with Readsboro. The state has given permission to apply for byways designation with the current list of supporting towns.

## **Events**

The Living History Association has not submitted their Summary report for the June 24<sup>th</sup> Time Line event and is considerably overdue from the 75 day time limit for forfeiture of remaining funds. It is estimated that we will receive the report by October 5<sup>th</sup>.

## **Venue**

Nothing new to report.

## **Bi-Town**

There is a bi-town meeting scheduled on Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at the Wilmington Town Offices at 7:45 AM. Telecommunications vendors Fairpoint, Duncan Cable and Vtel will be giving updates to the group.

**Financial**

Full statement to be mailed under separate cover.