

## **Economic Development Update**

January 8, 2013

### **Telecommunications**

The aircards for the Landfill computers have been ordered and are expected during the week of January 8. I picked up the laptop for Dave Smith from the Vermont Geeks and have it in my office to install the aircards when they arrive.

The link below defines the area in Dover where Vtel service is proposed. Although Woodsman Road and Woodsman Ext are not in the proposed area, Vtel has indicated that there is “bleed over” on the service. The exact distances are undetermined. Vtel’s service is to be installed by the end of 2013. The speeds and cost plans are not yet known.

[http://maps.google.com/maps?q=http://www.vermontel.com/wow\\_map.kml](http://maps.google.com/maps?q=http://www.vermontel.com/wow_map.kml)

In addition to the above 8 roads, I know of 2 homeowners on existing serviced roads whose residences do not get serviced because they are at the end of their respective roads.

### Cell Service

Nothing new to report.

### VTEL/Sovernet

Nothing new to report from Vtel.

I have still not connected with Gregg Noble regarding purchasing a plan to distribute the 100 Mbps connection at both the school and library.

### eVermont

#### *Wi Fi Hotspots*

We have decided to use the Meraki repeaters as replacements for the Anaptyx product. We will buy at least 2 of these repeaters as spring approaches to ensure that we can put them up and get up to speed with the new cloud controller. We will start at First Trax and work our way down Route 100 paying particular attention to the forthcoming park just south of 7-11. We will then look to replace the old Anaptyx repeaters.

The site engineer that we were using, Steve Ligett, has indicated that he has 1 remaining repeater that he would give us at no cost if one of our 4 Anaptyx repeaters should develop problems.

## **Website**

Nothing new to report.

## **Trails**

No responses regarding the abutter's letters from the proposed B+ trail. As this is past the end of the year, we will move forward assuming that the abutters have no objection. The next step is to develop a project plan with the assistance of the state. This will include approximate costs materials and labor including a bridge. After a review session, we will then develop an RFP to solicit actual costs and timeframes for implementation.

John West/Linda Holland has given us maps denoting a 20 foot right of way that the North Branch Water District has for the sewer lines. Many of these will make an excellent set of trails. We will develop a plan with costs and maps for their use. Nothing has been done on this since our last update.

## **Beautification**

The banners have been installed along Route 100 in West Dover and Dover Road in East Dover.

## **Marketing**

All applicants for DASP funding for Q2 have been resolved. Two applicants for Q3 are still outstanding. Now that Q4 has ended, we would expect invoices to arrive for that quarter. To date, we have a surplus of \$5,290.76. The dates for submission of applications for Q1 of 2013 have been extended until either all funds are exhausted.

We have received 5 approved Do-It applications totaling \$12367.92. This represents 49% of the budgeted funding.

## **Events**

The Events Guidelines have been modified based on the Selectboard's recommendations at our last meeting. It is being re-presented for Selectboard consideration.

## **Venue**

The Landscape Architecture committee is continuing to meet to discuss the specifics of the park in West Dover. Although no end date has been established, a report will be issued when this process is complete. The committee meets approximately every 2 weeks. It is anticipated that we should be completed with our recommendations of the park by the end of February.

The Landscape Architecture committee will also consider the priorities for Route 100 and Town Common after the park discussion.

Jon Abel of the East Dover Fire Department is in the process of marking up a map of their property across the road from the fire house. This will define what space is acceptable for use as a park by the town. He will also contact the former property owners to get their permission to use part of the property as a park. The next meeting will be held on January 14, 2013.

### **Bi-Town**

The bi-town committee has agreed to look at a joint Dover/Wilmington project of connecting a trail between the two towns via use of ancient roads.

### **Financial**

Full statement to be mailed under separate cover.