

Economic Development Update

February 21, 2012

Telecommunications

Fairpoint (Broadband to East Dover)

Fairpoint has given their proposal but unfortunately they have not included any residential service upgrades in the same fashion that they did for the 3 zones in East Dover (see enclosed). I will speak with Beth Fastiggi to see if she can include this for our meeting.

Cliff Duncan has gone to several businesses along Route 100 to upgrade their service, including Town Offices at presumably no additional cost. I measured the bandwidth and we are getting 10 Mbps down and 1 Mbps up. It is unconfirmed if Cliff has upgraded all of the businesses on the Fairpoint list.

Laura Sibilia stopped by on Wednesday to discuss the impending Sovernet installation of their bandwidth offering (probably end of 2012). This is part of the VT Fiberconnect project that will give very large bandwidth to the school and library. She indicated that Town Offices will be receiving the bandwidth (unsubstantiated) and provided me with the name of Gregg Noble from Sovernet. I called Gregg, but have not gotten a call back. As you can see from the Fairpoint proposal, they can offer a business from their Ethernet Dedicated Internet Service up to 1 Gbps of service (for a price, of course). Fairpoint and Sovernet are already competitors and Fairpoint currently has Fiber running along Route 100. At the moment it is unclear if and when Sovernet would offer similar service to small businesses and adjacent homeowners in this area. It would appear that the more competition there is in the area, the better for Dover businesses and residents.

Cell Service

I am pursuing the making the AT&T service on Stub Thomas' tower permanent through 2 sources I have at AT&T. Earthtone seems non-existent at this point.

VTEL

Nothing to update.

eVermont

Wi Fi Hotspots

The site engineer has met with me and their chosen electrician to review how and where the electrical connections will be made. We also discussed a methodology to restart the repeaters via a remote control device to avoid going into a business. I would expect the electrician to present a

proposal to eVermont within the next few days. At that time, we will order the internet connection to the first repeater and set a date for installation of the first 4 repeaters that make up the grant portion of the zone. We will also get access to the portal as well. At the far end of the zone, we decided and got verbal approval to put a repeater on First Trax. This is advantageous because of its proximity to the Valley Trail. The other 2 Repeater locations heading south are currently undetermined.

Website

The Web Coordinator position will be discussed in Executive Session.

Trails

The trail committee has decided to take photos of a representative section of the Valley Trail that would mimic the proposed B+ section. Abutters have asked us what this would look like. We will continue approach abutters.

Beautification

We are waiting for the attorney to review the contract and for the Selectboard to authorize an individual to sign the contract for Lamoureux and Dickinson.

Marketing

DASP quarter 2 is fully funded. There is still \$380 left for Q3 of 2012, \$1875 left for Q4 of 2012 and \$1600 left for Q1 of 2013. I expect other applicants soon.

Events

Contracts were signed for the Blueberry parade with the chamber of commerce.

Venue

The summary of the comments at the Venue meeting will be on the website shortly.

Interpretive Signs

A recommendation will be made for the Interpretive Sign fabricator at the Selectboard meeting.

Financial

To be handed out at the meeting.

FEMA

Presumably, the board has seen the results of the February 11 vote at Memorial Hall. There are concerns regarding Dover's involvement in the process.