

Economic Development Update

April 2, 2013

Telecommunications

AT&T has applied to the Vermont Public Service Board to install a 135 foot cell tower off of Dover Hill Road via Act 248A. AT&T is looking for a recommendation of support from the Dover Selectboard as well as the Windham Regional Commission.

Cliff is still tweaking his broadband network. At the town offices we are currently getting over 22 Mbps down and 1 Mbps up.

The airecards at landfill road are functioning fine. Data usage is minimal at both sites and does not come close to exceeding the 5 Gig allotted. The town is currently getting an 8% discount on the monthly invoice. There are some account setup issues regarding town employees getting their personal discount. There needs to be an account change to ensure that personal wireless accounts are the responsibility of the town employee and not the town. As soon as that gets resolved, a procedure will be published for employees to secure the discount.

VTEL/Sovernet

Nothing new to report from Vtel.

I am meeting with Gregg Noble from Sovernet on April 3 to discuss redistribution of the bandwidth to either the school or library. The 100 Mbps connection is due to be installed during mid-summer.

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Wi Fi Hotspots

The node at Chadwicks' goes down almost on a daily basis and then corrects itself. This suggests that the Anaptyx unit is likely failing and should be replaced as part of the conversion to Meraki equipment. The cost of the Meraki repeater is \$1200 including a 3 year license for use of the cloud controller. Justin McCoart from Up and Running Computer Services in Woodstock, VT is a Meraki reseller. He has agreed to come to Dover, at no cost, to evaluate the number of repeaters and their placement. He does have a fee to install the repeaters, get them operational and provide training in the use of the cloud controller.

Website

Work continues to streamline the website based on the wordpress templates provided by eVermont.

Trails

An application for a permit to construct a path along Route 100 for B+ was sent to Theresa Gilman at the Vermont Agency of Transportation. The initial reaction from the AOT is that we could need an engineering study to properly lay out the proposed route which will go from Country Club Road to Stugger Road along the state right of way on Rte 100. A pedestrian bridge is needed to cross the North Branch Deerfield River near Bluebrook Road. We are pursuing estimates for this structure.

Beautification

The additional banners that were ordered have not been delivered yet. We expect this shortly and we will replace the snowflake banners with the custom Skip Morrow banners.

Marketing

There is still a surplus of \$4800 of unclaimed funds from the DASP advertising campaign. The program closes on March 31 and will resume on July 1 to coordinate with the town's fiscal year. There will be no advertising program for the 2nd quarter. The 3rd quarter still has 1 business who failed to submit their invoices for repayment. The 4th quarter has 3 businesses. The 1st quarter of 2013 is about to end and we anticipate invoices to start coming in for that period. It is expected that the surplus will grow since history indicates that invoices are typically less than projected amounts.

We have received 12 approved Do-It applications totaling the full \$25,000. The program is now closed for this fiscal year. Work needs to be completed by October 2013 and invoices need to be submitted by the end of the year. There were 2 businesses that applied after the program ran out of funding. They are currently on a wait list.

The DASP and Do-It guidelines have been modified based on experiences with the programs and will be reviewed at the April 2nd meeting.

Events

We have allocated \$34,501.50 in approved events occurring in the 2013/2014 fiscal year. This is against a budget total of \$39,000.

The Adventure Challenge event which begins on May 1 and runs through September 15 has pre sold 102 room nights.

Venue

The Landscape Architecture committee is reviewing preliminary designs for children's equipment. We will then turn our attention to a phased approach for Route 100 and Dover Town Common projects. We are also developing a better cost estimate for the project as well as a Gantt chart of the project. There will be a public meeting to discuss the park design and answer any questions on Monday, April 22 at the Town Hall at 7 PM. Notices of this meeting will be

published in the town newspapers shortly. The current estimate for the project is \$115,660 which includes a 20% contingency. These numbers will change either up or down as we merge public input and get committed prices as per our purchasing policy, for the park. The current prices are reasonable estimates from selected vendors.

Bi-Town

I am scheduled to meet with Bill Hayde of the Partridge Run Association to assess a trail via Airport Road to Haystack Village Road. This is part of the Dover/Wilmington trail project.

Revenue

Nothing new to report.

Financial

Full statements are included under separate cover.