

Economic Development Update

April 3, 2012

Telecommunications

Fairpoint (Broadband to East Dover)

Fairpoint continues to make progress on implementing Zone 3 of East Dover. Beth Fastiggi is working on a date of availability from their engineering group.

Cell Service

I got a response from AT&T to my inquiry regarding the permanency of the equipment on Stubbs' Tower on Dover Hill Road. The statement was made that it was permanent, but I think they might be confusing it with the tower on Mount Snow. Therefore, my information is at best unreliable. As a side note, Stubb told me that Fairpoint is making a connection from his tower to the Internet to replace the microwave connection to AT&T's tower on Mount Snow. When I asked Stubb who ordered that installation, he told me AT&T. I am trying to get more definitive information. In addition, Stubb's tower is not permitted by either the town or the state, although his tower was erected prior to the town statute.

VTEL

Nothing to update.

eVermont

Wi Fi Hotspots

Fairpoint is coordinating a date to install the free Internet connection at North Reality for the first leg of the Wireless Zone. I got another estimate for electrical work from Ward Electric which is more favorable from a cost perspective to eVermont (since they are paying for it). We will go with Ward Electric. Adam Levine refuses to use any other electrician than Kevin Southworth and offered to personally pay the difference to use Kevin. I expect a definitive installation date from Steve Ligget (eVermont's site engineer) very soon.

Website

Nothing new to report.

Trails

The route that we were considering for the B+ portion of the trail is problematic in that it crosses too many residential properties. We are abandoning this route. Instead, we are concentrating on a route that goes from Mountain Park Plaza to Stugger Road and then up to Kingswood.

Beautification

We had our first meeting with Lamoureux and Dickinson that included a site visit of both the Route 100 Village District and the Town Common area. The next step in the process is to schedule a charrette – all day work session with the steering committee, L&D and designated stakeholders.

Marketing

There have not been any further applications for the DASP plan. The amounts remain as follows:

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.

Events

Enclosed please find event applications for Mothers For Daughters and Wine and Harvest Festival. Bob O’Keefe of Mothers For Daughters indicated that he gave a 2012 event application to Patrick in June 2011 with the 2011 Event Summary. We could not find any such document and none was sent electronically. I emailed Patrick with the issue and have not had a response. Bob O’Keefe is asking for \$10,000. Our guidelines indicate that in year 5, the maximum he is entitled to is \$5000. There is an exception for events being held during off peak months. This event falls in this category. The event is scheduled for May 2012 and this is the final year of funding. This is an excellent event and there is no way to prove if the application was submitted or not. My recommendation is that it be funded for \$5000.

The Wine and Harvest event application is also included. This is their fourth year of funding and they are asking for \$5000 for Branded Wine Glasses and Facebook/Google Online Marketing. This is also a very good event and I recommend that it be approved for \$5000.

Venue

Nothing new to report.

Interpretive Signs

The prototype is being refined prior to installation.

Financial

To be handed out at the meeting.

FEMA

Bryan Starr of the FEMA Long Term Community Recovery team is asking for suggestions regarding a tour of both Wilmington and Dover vis-à-vis your specific project (FYI, I am the

“champion” of Telecommunications), as it relates to the Irene devastation. This will be for the May 2nd FEMA meeting.