

Economic Development Update

May 1, 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. Late May or early June is targeted.

Cell Service

I understand that Fairpoint is installing an Internet connection to Stubb's tower, ordered by AT&T, so as to eliminate the microwave connection to their Mount Snow tower. I have gotten confirmation from Stubb, but not Fairpoint. This would indicate that AT&T is intending to leave this as a permanent installation.

VTEL

Nothing to update.

eVermont

Wi Fi Hotspots

Fairpoint has installed the free Internet connection at North Realty on May 25. I still do not have a definitive date in May for eVermont installation, even though I have repeatedly emailed them. I'll keep trying, but I am not concerned.

Website

The first version of the Economic Development newsletter went out to the 400 email addresses that we have collected. This will be a quarterly publication and has already elicited great positive response.

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. We have had some direction from the state already as the proposed route would be in the state's ROW. We will be contacting impacted property owners in the next few weeks.

Beautification

The steering committee had its first “charrette” – an all day work session – with Lamoureux and Dickinson ,and their subcontractors, Broadreach Planning and Design and Cynthia Knauf , Landscape Design, Inc. Bobby Holland joined us as well to provide his insights on roads and traffic. From this session we will have multiple design choices for both the Route 100 corridor and the Town Common which will then go before a public forum, tentatively scheduled for late-May.

The flower barrels are scheduled to go out mid-late May and will be coordinated by Boyd Family Farm and the Dover Road crew.

We have permission from Fairpoint and GMP to utilize their poles for American flags that will be ordered to go up for Memorial Day.

A tree proposal will be submitted to plant a 12-14 foot Frazier Fir at the West Dover Fire Department to replace the temporary tree there this year. The idea is to have permanent municipal trees for holiday lighting rather than cut trees each year. The long-term plan is to also have a tree at the town offices and at the town common but those are on hold until the Landscape Plan for both areas is refined.

Marketing

The amounts for the DASP remain as follows:

DASP quarter 2 is fully funded. There is still \$185 left for Q3 of 2012, \$1875 left for Q4 of 2012 and \$2587 left for Q1 of 2013.

Events

Enclosed please find an event application from the Dover Historical Society for a Columbus Day weekend event to celebrate Dover’s part in the Civil War which is marking its 150th anniversary this year.

Venue

Nothing new to report.

Interpretive Signs

The signs are in production and are planned to be installed before Memorial Day weekend.

Financial

To be handed out at the meeting.

FEMA

Ken will be attending the May 2nd “Recovery Partners Meeting” in Wilmington, as the “Champion” for Telecommunications.