

Economic Development Update

September 4, 2012

Telecommunications

Fairpoint (Broadband to East Dover)

Fairpoint has retracted some previously stated DSL service locations for the following locations:

- Landfill Road
- Woodsman Road
- Woodsman Road Extension

Unfortunately, some groups were told that the service was available, in particular, at the landfill. It appears that the only way to get service at these locations is to connect via AT&T at a cost of \$50 for 5 Gig of data. Also, the cellular service at these locations is still off of a temporary cell tower. This tower has been operational for about 1 year.

Cell Service

A letter of support of support from the Town of Dover was sent to Erik Amalixsen of the VTA with regard to a grant that they are submitting for increased cellular service in disaster stricken areas such as Dover.

VTEL

Nothing to update.

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Wi Fi Hotspots

Finally spoke with Ken Carnisi from Anaptyx. He agreed to correct this week, the problem that our splash page was not appearing correctly and said that he would hard code the changes if necessary. To date, this change was not made. He also said that he would assist with the placement of future repeats and placement of Internet injection points into the zone. We shall see by the end of the week if the splash page has been updated.

The portal continues to be updated with logos of inn properties along with brief descriptions. Once the splash page is updated, the initial version of the portal can be rolled out and the wireless zone can start to be marketed. The zone is functional from Town Offices to approx 500 feet north of Chadwicks. It is available outside along Route 100 but the zone's effectiveness is about 100 feet wide.

Fairpoint has been absent from requests for the status of their installation of the second free Internet injection point at Dover Forge. I will continue to pursue this with them.

Website

We are evaluating several free or low cost, open source wordpress templates to see the effort involved at porting data to a different look and feel for the town website.

Trails

We met with Marcos Miller from Vtrans regarding the extension of the valley trail from Mountain Park Plaza to Stugger Road.

The interpretive signs have been re-installed along the crosstown trail.

Beautification

The final plan and presentation from Lamoureux & Dickinson to the Selectboard in the form of a Public Presentation regarding the Architectural Landscape Study is slated for September 19th at 6:30 PM at the Dover Town Hall. The final documents will be made available on the town website after the presentation on September 19th. The draft documents are currently on the town website under Landscape Master Planning Project within Economic Development (<http://www.doververmont.com/town-dover-landscape-master-planning-project>).

Designs for banners are being developed through several sources.

The Bright Lights committee has begun meetings to implement the program from December 1st through the end of February.

Marketing

To date, there are still 4 holdouts for submission of their invoices for Q2.

The amount available for Q1 2013 is \$4493.

We had our first meeting of the business revitalization rebate program has taken place and we will discuss the details in a subsequent meeting.

The Byways project has gotten support from 6 towns – Whitingham, Wilmington, Dover, Stratton, Wardsboro and Jamaica. Discussions are continuing with Readsboro and Stamford.

Events

Mother for Daughters has submitted their summary report on time. The final payment will be issued. We continue to develop potential ideas for events and are looking at venue locations which will dictate event size and scope.

Venue

Nothing new to report.

Bi-Town

There is a bi-town meeting scheduled on Thursday, September 6 at the Wilmington Town Offices at 7:45 AM. I will be giving an update on telecommunications in my capacity as one of the “champions”.

Financial

The state has sent the Q2 economic development revenue. Meals and Rooms Tax revenue is \$18,307.99 and the Sales and Use Tax revenue is \$38,859.07. This represents a 27.7% combined decrease over the same period in 2011 and a 10.1% decrease over the same period in 2010.

Full statement to be mailed under separate cover.