

Economic Development Update

November 29, 2011

Telecommunications

Fairpoint (Broadband to East Dover)

Fairpoint celebration is set for December 7 at Town Hall at 6 PM. Numerous folks have inquired about the service and some have called Fairpoint directly. I would expect that by Dec 7, the sales reps will be fully informed.

Earthtone (Cell Service)

There is nothing to report on Earthtone.

I have been trying to get to an appropriate person at AT&T to make the Dover Hill cell tower permanent. I have also been in contact with Stubb Thomas whose property the tower and temporary transmitter are on.

VTEL

Nothing to report.

Survey

I expect the surveys to be returned by month end.

eVermont

Wi Fi Hotspots

Fairpoint indicates that they can deliver only 3 Mbps through DSL along Route 100. They can install proprietary service, but at unrealistic costs. Duncan Cable can install service at 4 Mbps, but wants to speak with eVermont regarding security concerns. The technical folks at eVermont and Anaptyx have concluded that 4 Mbps is sufficient to run our wireless zone. They are still deciding as to the correct repeaters.

I asked eVermont if we are committed to 1 full year of service by virtue of the MOU and was told that they just want funds appropriated to carry us through a full year and that if for some reason we could not complete this, then there is no penalty. The MOU is non-binding.

If the program should ever be terminated after installation, then we would not be obligated to return the equipment.

Website

Due to the work with budgets and the FEMA summit, I was unable to complete the job description for the webmaster. I will try for the next meeting.

Trails

The letter to the abutters has been completed and will be mailed out shortly.

Beautification

Each week I see other architects arrive in our area to look it over and prepare for their submission. I think we will get a wide variety of responses to choose from.

The Bright Lights event to become a valley-wide event embracing 7 towns from Readsboro to Wardsboro. We have added more lights, trees, decorations and banners to Dover and its municipal sites with much more planned for the future as a result of the recent expenditure.

Marketing

The TV spot on WLNY and the Electronic Billboards at the BQE and Holland tunnel are up and running.

The details of the Dover Advertising Support Program have been put on the website under Marketing. We will hold meeting in December to explain the program.

Events

Living History's event request will be given at the December meeting.

Interpretive Signs

RFP in progress. Nothing new to report.

Financial

The 3rd quarter 2011 revenue numbers are in from the state.

Meals and Option Revenue	\$24,841.83
Sales Tax Revenue	\$31,478.31
Total Revenue	\$56,320.14

This is the largest 3rd quarter revenue since the program's inception, even though hurricane Irene occurred during this period and we effectively lost Labor Day weekend.

FEMA

I met with Bill Colvin and FEMA to discuss the elements of the Summit meeting on December 5. FEMA will be coordinating informing the public.