

## **Economic Development Update**

December 4, 2012

### **Telecommunications**

I am in the process of getting prices for the 8 roads mentioned below that do not have broadband service from either Fairpoint or Duncan Cable. Cliff Duncan has already indicated that it would cost \$2800 - \$3500 to supply Landfill Road with service.

#### **The non serviced roads are:**

Woodsman Road

Woodsman Road Ext

Landfill Road

Clyde Jones Trail

Davis Mill Trail

Latimer Trail

Meadow View Lane

Mountain Top Road

In addition, I will investigate who, if anybody lives on these roads to gauge a cost per household figure. I will also develop a map of Vtel coverage based on their website to coincide with the unserved roads list. Keep in mind that there is "bleed over" with respect to Vtel's service and that the demarcation is not that exact.

In addition to the above 8 roads, I know of 2 homeowners on existing serviced roads whose residences do not get serviced because they are at the end of their respective roads.

### Cell Service

I have not heard from Dave Malko as to whether the VTA got the EDA Disaster Relief Grant. I have listed the specifics regarding the VTA grant below for completeness. I will give Dave a call and hopefully have more information about this at our meeting.

I met with David Malko from the VTA regarding an EDA Disaster Relief Grant that they are applying for. Dover is one of the areas designated for this installation. The objective is to provide

an area of uninterruptable cell service for the town that comes complete with battery backup and solar panels. David Malko came with an RF Engineer to survey potential sites for this installation. We looked at 4 different municipal sites including Town Offices, West Dover Fire, West Dover Police and Town Hall. They overwhelmingly preferred the Town Hall site because of its clear line of site to the satellite. The antenna could be located in the steeple at the Town Hall and be virtually hidden from view. The solar array needs to face South and could be located in a spot between the library and Town Hall. The cell service will be capable of communicating with multiple carriers through roaming agreements and would have a radius of 1 – 1.5 miles. There is no cost to the town. The grant will be awarded by year end.

### VTEL/Sovernet

Nothing new to report from Vtel.

I have not connected with Gregg Noble regarding purchasing a plan to distribute the 100 Mbps connection at both the school and library.

### eVermont

#### *Wi Fi Hotspots*

We have a major issue regarding Ken Carnisi and the Anaptyx repeaters that are installed in our Wi-Fi zone. It seems that this company is out of business. Helen Labun Jordan of eVermont has been informed and she is trying to coordinate efforts for a workaround. Tamara Allen and I are meeting with Townshend Belisle this Friday. He developed the zone software for Woodstock that is the prototype used by all of the eVermont sponsored towns. We are looking into replacement hardware and eVermont will try to develop either an additional grant or perhaps a group discount. I will report on my findings at our next meeting.

The Internet connection at First Trax was completed by Fairpoint.

The portal, [www.discoverdovervt.com](http://www.discoverdovervt.com) has been populated with all of the businesses from the town website business directory.

### **Website**

Nothing new to report.

### **Trails**

No significant responses regarding the abutter's letters from the proposed B+ trail. We will give it to the end of the year and then it is time to move forward with this segment.

John West/Linda Holland has given us maps denoting a 20 foot right of way that the North Branch Water District has for the sewer lines. Many of these will make an excellent set of trails. We will develop a plan with costs and maps for their use.

### **Beautification**

The final Lamoureux and Dickinson report including all of the renderings is available on the website under Economic Development.

The approved banners have arrived are waiting to be hung sometime during the week of December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Marketing**

Submissions for Q3 of the DASP program are arriving very slowly. There are still 2 businesses of 15 that applied, which have not submitted invoices for Q2 payment. For Q3, there are 7 business of 17 that applied, which have not submitted invoices for Q3 payment. There is \$3,343 still available for Q1 of 2013. The guidelines are currently being reviewed and amended. It will be presented for Selectboard consideration at a subsequent meeting. We will skip Q2 of 2013 so we can restart the program aligned with our fiscal year.

### **Events**

The summary reports for Blueberry Festival, Wine and Harvest and Time Line have been reviewed and accepted. The final payments to these organizations were made for the events as follows:

Time Line Event	\$1,000.00
Blueberry Parade	\$709.71
Wine and Harvest Festival	\$1,250.00

The Events Guidelines are currently being reviewed and amended. It will be presented for Selectboard consideration at a subsequent meeting.

### **Venue**

The Landscape Architecture committee has met for the first time since acceptance of the report to consider the specifics of the West Dover Park as part of a phase I effort. Assignments were given out to identify more detail including costs. We will meet again on December 14. The objective is to refine a set of specifics as it pertains to the park and to present these at a public meeting for further refinement, if needed. We will then present our final recommendations to the Selectboard for approval. The final proposal will contain elements of the L&D plan that we feel are applicable to a phase I approach for both Route 100 and Town Common.

The process of developing a mechanism acceptable to both the East Dover Firehouse and the Selectboard to build a park on the land opposite the East Dover Firehouse is being actively pursued. It will also contain preliminary costs and a rendering.

**Bi-Town**

There is a bi-town meeting scheduled on Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. No agenda has been published.

**Financial**

Full statement to be mailed under separate cover.