

Economic Development Update

November 5, 2012

Telecommunications

Fairpoint (Broadband to East Dover)

The map that Cliff Duncan has provided along with a town road map was used to produce a spreadsheet of roads that are either serviced by Cliff Duncan, Fairpoint DSL, or neither. Both satellite and WiFi connections were not considered. The result is a listing of 8 roads that are not serviced by anyone.

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

Cliff Duncan indicates that Landfill Road would preliminarily cost \$2800 - \$3500 to service.

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.

I will develop a list of homeowners on the above 8 roads and obtain a cost from both Fairpoint and Duncan to complete the service.

Cell Service

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

At a bi-town meeting Tess Gauthier from Vtel and Gregg Noble from Sovernet gave presentations regarding their company's broadband efforts. Tess made no commitments other than they will install their LTE technology in Dover according to the published map on their website (http://maps.google.com/maps?q=http://www.vermontel.com/wow_map.kml). It is worth noting that the coverage area consists of Upton Road and Wild Apple Lane. Tess also stated that the coverage map was not absolute and that there would be bleed over into adjacent areas. I asked if we could set up a conference call with one of their RF Engineers to get a more technical explanation as to bleed over, but Tess declined to set this up. Instead she indicated that I should send my questions via email and she would try to get them answered. The deadline for Vtel to have completed their installation is Dec 2013. To date they have no operational areas.

Gregg Noble told us that the 100 Mbps connection to both the school and library would occur sometime during the first quarter of 2013. He also indicated that we could purchase a plan to distribute this bandwidth. I emailed Gregg regarding the specifics of the plan, but he has not responded. I will continue to pursue this issue as it might solve the broadband connection issue at Woodsman Road, Woodsman Road Ext and Landfill Road.

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Wi Fi Hotspots

We have changed the installation site of the Internet connection at the recommendation of Fairpoint to First Trax instead of Sticky Fingers. This was due to the height of the pending repeater. This would allow access through Mountain Park Plaza to Route 100 as well as access to the north end of the Valley Trail (B section).

The portal, www.discoverdovervt.com has been populated with all of the businesses from the town website business directory.

Website

We are evaluating a free and a low cost option (< \$250/year) for a search mechanism to the town website. This search will be able to also search embedded pdf's and .doc formats. The search can be used with the wordpress template. A mock up will be made available for inspection when completed. Transfer of the data is a relatively simple process.

Trails

Letters were sent out to abutters of the proposed B+ trail that runs from Mountain Park Plaza to Stugger road. To date there have been no responses.

Beautification

Lamoureux & Dickinson has finished the final report on the Architectural Landscape Study. It will be reviewed by the Landscape Architecture Committee on November 16. It will be made available to the remainder of the Selectboard after the meeting.

The approved banners have been ordered and we expect delivery within 3 weeks. Rich Werner has the poles and other hardware to hang the banners.

Marketing

To date, there is still 1 holdout for submission of their invoices for Q2 and 4 businesses out of 17 have submitted invoices for Q3 which ended 1 month ago.

The amount available for Q1 2013 is \$5023. To assist businesses with utilizing the funding for the intended purpose, we are extending the deadline for submission for Q1, 2013 to December 15th, 2012. Any funds not secured or not invoiced will revert back to economic development to be used for future budgeting purposes.

The Byways project has gotten support from 8 towns – Whitingham, Wilmington, Dover, Stratton, Wardsboro, Stamford and Jamaica and Londonderry. Readsboro does not look like they will join at this time. The towns have a deadline of December 3 to have a resource report to the Windham Regional Commission for inclusion in the byways program.

Events

The Living History Association has submitted their Summary report for the June 24th Time Line event but is considerably overdue from the 75 day time limit for forfeiture of remaining funds. The report is being evaluated.

Summary reports have been submitted for Blueberry Parade and Wine and Harvest Festival. They are being evaluated.

The Dover Day event totaled \$1909.70. The budget for this event was \$2000.

Venue

Nothing new to report.

Bi-Town

There is a bi-town meeting scheduled on Thursday, November 1st

at the Wilmington Town Offices at 7:45 AM. Telecommunications vendors Fairpoint, Duncan Cable will be giving updates to the group.

Financial

Full statement to be mailed under separate cover.