Shutesbury Broadband Committee/MLP Board

Meeting
Monday, October 16, 2017
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
Shutesbury Town Hall

AGENDA
1. **Take Attendance**
   a. **Graeme**
2. **Approve minutes from 10_2**
3. **Action items:**
   a. CRAIG – Call Jim Krupp, President, Sumner Mtn/Kettle Hill Roads Assn. phone: 413-549-7777. Encourage them to put in two conduits for broadband for new Sumner Mtn. construction. Conduit map – done
   b. AYERS – Walter tibbits? Generator capacity?
   c. FRANK – list from planning board of buildable lots. Not needed. 20% capacity will cover it any big developments will pay for it themselves.
   d. GRAEME – working on pole apps for Pelham with Rick
4. POLE APP update: (If you remember I asked multiple people – WGE, John Furey from MBI and utility representatives if we should include Service poles for drops on the applications. Everyone said yes) BUT Rick has been working with the utilities and got advice to REMOVE 285 service poles from the apps for Verizon - willing to do this. Right off the bat it saved us over 2K in make ready work for this first app. Will make the others go faster. The problem is that there is no way to call out drop poles from your applications. All poles on an app are considered to have strand – so the utility is considering all in need of make ready. This isn't right. Rick and Verizon say just hang your fiber then present a list to Verizon saying here are the poles you can now charge us rent for after the fact. No make –ready needed. AND should encourage everyone possible to do conduit if they can – reduce maintenance costs and ongoing pole rental.
5. **RFI Operations - Revisit**
6. **Unanticipated Items**
   a. What to say to vendors who replied to our RFI (thank you for your thorough response. We have reviewed all proposals and they will serve as the basis for a more formal RFP that will be issued this spring at which point we'll choose our ISP and network operator)
   b. BECKY –
      i. balance sheet? Did grant come in?
      ii. Verizon invoice - $37,000? Are you holding it?

7. **Adjourn**