

The Process for Monitoring and Collecting Drop Costs in Excess of the \$2,000 Town Subsidy During the Construction Period

Adopted by the select board on 3/3/21

- An initial list of all estimated Drop Costs (DC), including Network Extensions (NE) for each FSA will be included in the Town's Becket Premise Report (BPR). The estimates will be based on using a trench method for underground and \$2.87/ft for NE's using the dwg distances. The list will contain columns for the owner, address, each cost component (Overhead, Underground, NE) and the total estimated DC. The amount, if any, which exceeds the town subsidy, will be identified.
- For any DC anticipated to exceed \$2K, an Ad Hoc Team representative will accompany the construction company's consultant on the site to develop an estimate for the drop cost. The Ad Hoc representative will input variables (usable conduit, feet of trenching, OH distances, all NE costs, etc.) into an expense model to determine an updated cost estimate. The construction company's consultant will not be able to do an estimate on-site. When their estimate is available, it will be discussed with the Ad Hoc Group. If the two estimates are different, the two parties will agree to a reconciled estimate.

A final estimate will be given to the homeowner in written form that details the Becket terms and conditions for payment and final reconciliation resulting in any additional payment or refund. Payment of any estimated excess over \$2,000 will be obtained from the homeowner before work commences. TriWire will then be authorized to do the drop.

- After completion of the installation, service has been activated and a final bill of actual costs has been presented to the MLP, a final reconciliation will be done by the Ad Hoc group. A true up to the estimate will be finalized and the subscriber will be notified if any additional payment or refund is due.