

04 22 2021 (approximately 15 in attendance)

Welcome.

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What do we want?

Require:

Speeds?
Reliability (down time)
Reasonable costs

What do we want to do?

Potential users (based on Electric drops) 780 in 48 sq mi [approx. 16 per sq mi]
Population approx. 1300

How have others accomplished it?

Business plans
Survey to know what we have, need, want

Who are our principal players to accomplish it?

Town: Selectboard
School
Emergency departments: Police, Fire, Emergency Management
Introduction of Grafton County Broadband process.

Introduction of Monadnock area process. (booklet)(your homework)

Who has looked at it? Not many: assigned for next meeting

Who are some potential suppliers of services?

Consolidated Communication DSL (optic fiber)
Topsham Communications (optic fiber) [Citizens Telephone Company of Hammond NY]
Satellite services

NE Electric COOP
ValleyNet (EC fiber; Lyme Fiber)
FirstNet

Funding?

Raised through taxation
Banks Loans
Form a non-profit
Community funded/private partnership
Issue bonds
Grants: State/Federal
Federal campaign: i.e. CARES. American Rescue Plan
New Federal Money
Write: Senators, Representatives
State programs:
Write: State Senators, Representatives

Potential timeline. Minimum: 2 years plus install: 1-2 years. 3-6 overall

RFP
Reviews
Selecting

Develop financing
Bond hearing(s)
town meeting

Issuing Contract
Implementation
Permitting
poles
Installation

Discussions, thoughts and ideas.

Where do we go from here?

Do we form a committee?

Formal: a public advisory committee to Selectboard, makes recommendations.

[all open meeting laws and posting requirements to be followed: Chairman, Secretary required; meetings warranted; minutes taken; approved; posted per requirements.]

Created by Selectboard, appointments by Selectboard

Activities controlled/authorized by Selectboard

Informal: no actual authority to do something

No open law requirements

Do we meet again?

Yes; Next meeting(virtual): Thursday May 13, 7:00 PM

Who does what? Each too review: "Monadnock" and "Grafton County" survey material

Please confirm your interest in participating on the committee to: John Adams.

Potential members to be submitted to Selectboard for appointment

Next meeting appointed members to Organize committee (chair, secretary)
and initiate plans for progress.

Respectfully reordered by

John Adams

Committee Coordinator for Selectboard