

Dear Fellow Grafton County Town Managers/Administrators,

In September 2020, the Grafton County Commissioners appointed a five-member committee consisting of Grafton County Town Administrators/Managers dedicated to improving broadband throughout County. The Committee has been working diligently to identify and address the needs of the County with a focus on Economic Development, Distance Learning, Health Care/Telehealth Services, and Public Safety.

The Committee is leaning toward a primary goal of having the County develop the backbone network through population centers through a combination of building new fiber optic cable where there are obvious gaps and optimizing existing infrastructure. The backbone would be available for municipalities to then tap into that network and run additional fiber optic cable through their municipalities. We have met with UNH staff that manages the IBEAM system, the NH Office of Strategic Initiatives, staff from our federal delegation, and members of our State delegation and have support.

We are now asking for support from our fellow Grafton County communities to help identify and document the gaps and needs of the County. The following link <https://forms.gle/FvKkZA4xtKZAoE8t5> will bring you to our survey. In addition, attached is a one-page flyer regarding the TestIt app. We ask that you include the survey and the flyer on your community's website and social media pages to help us spread the word on the Committee's work and to kick-start the data collection process.

Lastly, we ask that if you have any provider specific information pertaining to your community's broadband infrastructure or any relevant correspondence that will support the Committee's cause to please forward the information Carina Park at [toc.cp@camptonnh.org](mailto:toc.cp@camptonnh.org). In addition, if you would like to join our email distribution list for direct access to the Committee's Agendas, please email Carina at the email above.

We thank you all in advance and please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

The Grafton County Broadband Committee

Nicholas J. Coates (Nik), Chair- Bristol Town Administrator

Brigitte Codling, Member- Haverhill Town Manager

Andrew Dorsett, Member- Grafton County Administrator

Carina Park, Member-Campton Town Administrator

Mike Samson, Member- Canaan Town Administrator

Grafton County Website (Minutes & Agenda) <https://www.co.grafton.nh.us/>

<http://www.newhampshirelakesandmountains.com/Articles-Littleton-Courier-c-2020-08-06-165066.113119-Grafton-County-forms-broadband-committee.html>

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