

Sugar Hill Broadband Committee Meeting - July 6, 2022

Via Zoom

Attending: Carol Miller, consultant NHCDE

Nancy Martland, Doug Evelyn, Jordan Applewhite, Margo Connors

Jeff Maclver, Mary Ellen Player - Consolidated Communications

Consolidated Communications Presentation to town of Sugar Hill

As of November, 2021, Fidium Fiber Internet is the brand name of Consolidated's broadband division.

Goals: More transparency in pricing; no increase in prices every year; provide WIFI extenders if needed; offer a whole home WIFI app; provide programs for low income individuals and families.

Broadband service will be symmetric.

Will not offer TV service but will eventually offer fiber-based phone service - residents will have the option of staying on copper or switching to voice over internet (VOIP).

Consolidated is applying for a large federal grant for broadband installation. If selected to receive funds they intend to provide broadband to all of Sugar Hill. The project has already been engineered and installation could begin as soon as 2023. There would be no financial commitment for the town at this time.

Both Consolidated and the NH Electric COOP have asked for letters of support from the town of Sugar Hill for their proposals to the NH Office of Broadband Initiatives by July 15, 2022. (These letters have been sent.)

Spectrum has been asked to make a presentation to the committee in August.

Respectfully submitted,
Margo Connors