

Minutes
October 12, 2022 Broadband Committee Meeting (via Teams)

Present: Carol Miller - Consultant, Nancy Martland, Doug Evelyn, Jordan Applewhite, Margo Connors, Michael Morley

Brief discussion regarding pros and cons of Starlink: It is available to all, but has become more difficult to enroll; it has to connect to wire somewhere; and it is expensive.

The committee agreed on the following TIMELINE for obtaining an Internet Service Provider to partner with the town of Sugar Hill to develop and install broadband infrastructure:

November - send RFP to potential ISP providers by November 11. Deadline to receive submissions December 9, 2022, at 4pm.

December - Broadband Committee analyses of submissions using a scoring as well as pros/cons methodology. December 14, meeting may require some additional work to score a proposal matrix with pros/cons.

January - Public Hearing to report final decision making process to coordinate with a selectboard meeting. Final, formal presentation to the selectboard with recommendations. (This may require more than one meeting depending on the outcome of public hearing input.)

February - draft warrant article *if needed* at February Broadband Committee meeting. Develop a marketing plan to raise public awareness before town meeting

March - vote on warrant article, *if necessary*, at town meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Margo Connors