

- PUBLIC MEETING -
Hope Board of Selectmen
Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, November 24, 2020
Hope Town Office/Zoom
-AGENDA-

Due to the increasing cases of Covid-19 in the Midcoast and Knox County area, and out of an abundance of caution, the public may not attend meetings in person at this time.

If you would like to PARTICIPATE in the meeting, then please attend via Zoom.

This meeting may be attended via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/5851802397>

Meeting ID: 585 180 2397

If you would like to WATCH the meeting, then please attend via livestream.

This meeting may be livestreamed: https://townhallstreams.com/towns/hope_me

Call to Order:

Agenda Adjustments/Approval:

Public Comment:

Minutes:

- November 10, 2020:
- November 17, 2020:

Town Administrator Report:

New Business:

- Town Office Maintenance Needs:
 - Electrical Outlets in Library:
 - Window in Meeting Area:
 - Mailbox Pole:
- Pole Location Installation for Tidewater Telecom:
- Coronavirus Update & Discussion- EMA Director, Clarence Keller:

Old Business:

- Broadband Update:

Other Business:

Warrants:

Executive Session: Pursuant to 1 M.R.S. §405 (6)(A) – Personnel Matter:

Adjournment:

MINUTES OF SELECT BOARD MEETING

Hope Select Board

Tuesday, November 10, 2020

6:30 PM

Hope Town Office/Zoom

View the meeting in its entirety at

https://townhallstreams.com/towns/hope_me

Board Members Present:

- Sarah Ann Smith, Brian Powers Jr., Thom Ingraham, and Amy Gertner (via Zoom)

Others Present:

- Samantha Mank, Paul Smith, Margaret Morse, Amy Powers, Dick Crabtree, Bill Jones, Judith Jones, Everett Smith, and Hunt

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order at 5:32 PM by Sarah.

Agenda Adjustments/Approval:

- Brian made a motion to approve the agenda without any adjustments. It was seconded by Thom.

Motion passed 5-0

Public Comment:

- Thom thanked all of the people who worked at the polls for the November 3rd election. He said he wanted to recognize David Herrick for his great work. There were several people who worked at least 12-hours.
- Thom gave a “shout-out” to Hope Elementary School and Camden Hills Regional School for their extraordinary efforts to keep everyone safe.
- Sarah recognized and thanked Samantha for the work in getting a grant to cover election expenses and the Town will be able to use it which could have long-term benefits.

Minutes:

- 10/27/20: Thom made a motion to approve the October 27, 2020 minutes. It was seconded by Bruce.

Motion passed 5-0

- 11/5/20: Thom made a motion to approve the November 5, 2020 minutes. It was seconded by Brian.

Motion passed 5-0

- 11/9/20: Thom made a motion to approve the November 9, 2020 minutes. It was seconded by Brian.

Motion passed 4-0-1 (Bruce)

Town Administrator Report:

- Reminder that the Town Office will be closed tomorrow in observance of Veteran's Day
- The November 3rd election ran fairly smoothly. There were 1,343 registered voters in Hope. 511 Democrat, 269 Unenrolled, 52 Green Independent, and 411 Republican. There were 808 absentee ballots requested and 808 were issued. 790 ballots were returned prior to election day. The remainder were either returned on election day or not returned. There were 20 UOCAVA absentee ballots requested and 20 were issued. 17 were returned.
- There were many poll workers who came and gave their time. Some actually spent the entire day. We are grateful for those who participated as it made for a smooth and productive day.
- In April, I handed out the EMS project that is being spear headed by the Towns of Camden and Rockport. Mr. McGinnis is once again reaching out to find out if Hope wants to participate. I've handed the document out to you again this evening.
- There have been a couple of applicants send resumes for the vacancies. I am going to re-advertise and broaden the search.
- There are 7 outstanding 2019 RE accounts totaling \$12,913.85 with liens that will go to automatic foreclosure on February 16, 2021 if accounts remain unpaid.
- There are 25 outstanding 2020 RE accounts totaling \$47,946.47 with liens that will to automatic foreclosure on February 10, 2022 if accounts remain unpaid.
- There are 1021 RE accounts for 2021, totaling \$1,623,510.89. The second half of taxes are due on April 30, 2021.

New Business:

- **Broadband Update:** Thom gave an update regarding the status of the Broadband Internet Grant project. The project is being funded by the CARES Act money which are COVID-19 "relief" funds. Eligible households can have the broadband service hooked up, installed, and receive internet service without any charge for six months. To be eligible, there must be a student or teacher living in the household within the grant covered communities and have either no internet service or are underserved with slower internet speeds. So far, 125 families have been identified as eligible and 61 of those households have signed up.

Eventually, the access to fiber optic internet will be offered to the remainder of households in Hope. The Hope Broadband Committee is assisting with location other possible eligible households that may have college students or homeschooled students. The Broadband Committee will still be working on moving forward making sure every household (and future house sites) will have access to high speed internet. Once the location of all of the lines have been determined, the Committee will have a better idea on how to proceed.

- **EMS Development Project:** In April, Camden and Rockport were planning on a 4-town community wide informational seminar to discuss ambulance service needs and wants with the residents. Everything was put on hold because of Covid-19. The ambulance contract for all four towns expires on June 30, 2021. Camden and Rockport are researching and promoting the idea of a municipally owned ambulance service that would be overseen by Rockland and have ambulances housed in Camden and Rockport. The last estimate was incomplete but still had a price tag of \$1.6 million dollars. There are two informational zoom meetings planned for the town representatives to attend in order to determine how to proceed in regard to ambulance coverage for all four towns. The EMS Representatives for Hope are Sarah Ann Smith and Thom Ingraham.

Old Business:

- Appointments to the Roads Advisory Committee: Thom spoke with Mike Ames about serving on the RAC Committee with Bruce. Mike said that he respects the work that Bruce has already done. Mike also said that he would like to serve on the RAC Committee on a “as-needed” basis. He would offer his assistance and expertise on items that he is knowledgeable about.

Brian noted that Mike knows a lot about plowing roads. Mike was employed by a company that was contracted to provide winter maintenance to Hope’s roads for many years. Bruce responded to Brian’s comment by stating “You wouldn’t know it by his input so far”. However, Bruce did agree that he would be able to work with Mike on the RAC Committee.

Thom said that he would like to also serve on the RAC Committee. He would step down from the Broadband Committee in order to have more time for the Roads Advisory Committee. Amy said she would be interested in replacing Thom on the Broadband Committee.

Brian stated that the Roads Advisory Committee is to bring information to the Select Board. This will likely be done via the ex-officio members. Since the Committee is charged with researching and bring their findings back to the Select Board, there is no issue with more than one Select Board member serving on the committee. There is already recent precedence as two Select Board members served on the Solar Committee and Broadband Committee.

Brian made a motion to appoint the following people to the Roads Advisory Committee:

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|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1.) Bruce Haffner – Ex-officio | 8.) Mike Ames |
| 2.) Thom Ingraham – Ex-officio | 9.) Rick Bresnahan |
| 3.) John Monroe – Ex-officio | 10.) Ed Crowley |
| 4.) Doug Merrill | 11.) Chris Pinchbeck |
| 5.) Patrick McGrath | 12.) Jim Guerra |
| 6.) Todd Snyder | 13.) Ellie Goldberg |
| 7.) Bill Pearse Jr. | |

It was seconded by Thom.
Motion passed 5-0

Other Business:

- **MCSW Update:** Brian gave a brief update on what has been happening at Mid Coast Solid Waste. There was the sudden and tragic unexpected death of Dave Barrows from Lincolnville. Out of respect, it was appropriate to postpone the meeting following his passing. The current manager seems to have a very good handle on the facility and its operation. Although the facility itself is quite busy, the need for the Board of Director's to meet monthly has slowed significantly. The Executive Board no longer is required to attend meetings regularly. The Board of Director's are now meeting every other month (bi-monthly).
- **I Voted Stickers:** Sarah has designed "I voted stickers" for the Town of Hope. These would be purchased using any unexpended money for the election from the Covid grant. The Select Board agreed.

Warrants: 36, 37, 38, 39, and 40:

- The Selectmen reviewed the warrants. Bruce made a motion to approve warrant #'s 36, 37, 38, 39, and 40. However, only warrants 36, 38, 39, and 40 will be signed. Sarah noted that warrant #37 did not have the required signatures from the School Committee. Therefore warrant #37 will not be signed by the Select Board until properly signed by the School Committee. It was seconded by Brian. In addition, warrants that do not have the required numbers of signatures shall not be accepted by the Town until the School Committee has properly signed the school warrants.

Motion passed 5-0

Adjournment:

- Brian made a motion to adjourn at 7:35 PM. It was seconded by Bruce.
Motion passed 5-0

MINUTES OF SELECT BOARD MEETING
Hope Select Board
Tuesday, November 17, 2020
5:30 PM
Hope Town Office

Board Members Present:

- Sarah Ann Smith, Brian Powers Jr., Thom Ingraham, and Amy Gertner

Others Present:

- Samantha Mank, Bill Kelly

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Sarah.

Agenda Adjustments/Approval:

- Brian made a motion to approve the agenda without any adjustments. It was seconded by Thom.

Motion passed 4-0

Executive Session: Pursuant to 1 M.R.S. §405 (6)(A) -Personnel Matter:

- Thom made a motion to enter executive session at 5:34 PM. It was seconded by Amy.
Motion passed 4-0
- The Select Board exited executive session at 8:10 PM

Regular Session Any action needed resulting from Executive Session:

- None

Executive Session: Pursuant to 1 M.R.S. §405 (6)(E) – Legal Issues w/ Town Attorney:

- Tabled

Regular Session Any action needed resulting from Executive Session:

- Tabled

Adjournment:

- Thom made a motion to adjourn at 8:11 PM. It was seconded by Brian.
Motion passed 4-0

APPLICATION FOR POLE LOCATION(S)

TO: Board of Selectmen - Hope

Tidewater Telecom respectfully request permission for a location for pole(s) and/or and/or anchor(s) and/or cable(s), including the necessary sustaining, supporting, and protecting fixtures in, along, and across, the following named public streets and highways:

N New Castle Rd

LOCATION: Placement of 1 pole and anchor on Seacoast Rd at approx. GPS coordinates 44.253626, -69.149617; Pole and Anchor locations are staked.

SEE ATTACHED SKETCH (Poles staked and marked in the field)

Said pole(s) and/or anchor(s) to be erected substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked TWT 28.6 dated 11/9/2020 and shall be made of wood or other suitable material and the cable shall be run at the height of not less than 18 feet from the ground at highway crossings and not less then 8 feet elsewhere. All cables and wires to be maintained in accordance with the standards of the National Electric Safety Code.

Tidewater Telecom



James Corbett

Engineer

563-9911

Permission Granted by: _____



CMP 170.5



164'



250'

CMP 702
TWT 22.2



SEACOAST RD

CMP 701
TWT 22.1



HOWE HILL RD

CMP 158
TWT 22

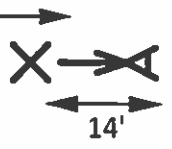
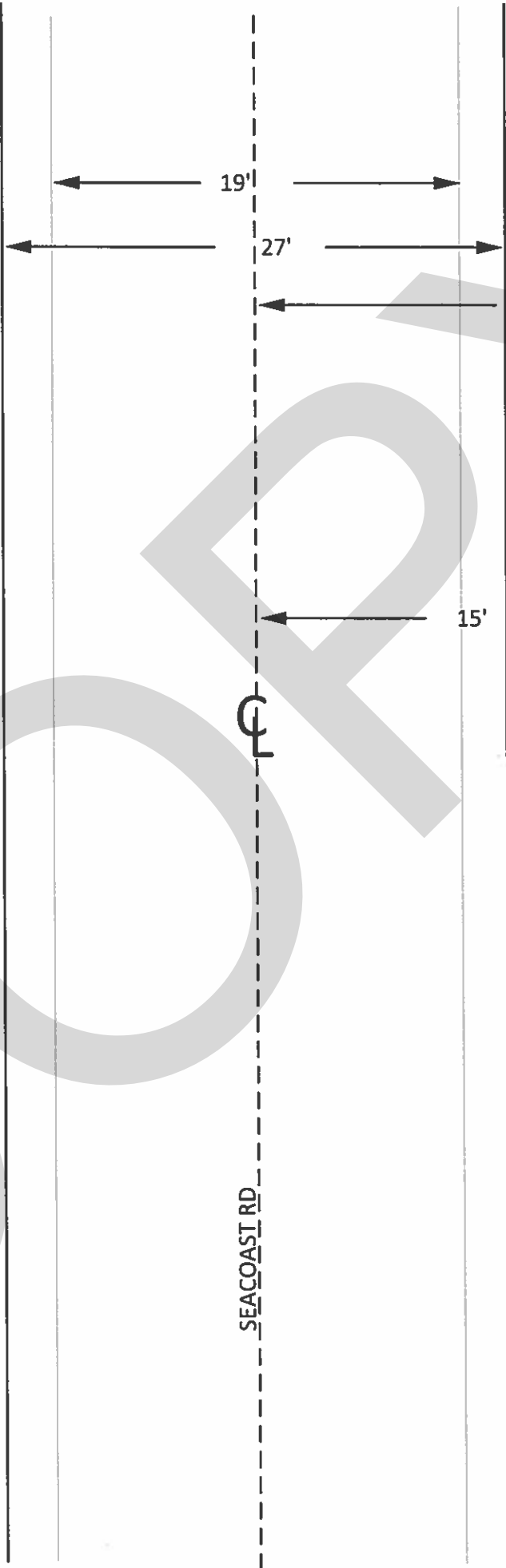


- = EXISTING POLE
- = NEW POLE
- = NEW ANCHOR



R/W

HOWE HILL RD





Seacoast Rd

CMP 170.5

NEW
POLE

Seacoast Rd

CMP 702
TWT 22.2

Hats by teresa
Clothing store

Seacoast Rd

Seacoast Rd

Howe Hill Rd

Howe Hill Rd

Robb Rd

From: [Alan Hinsey](#)
To: [Kate Clark](#); [Maria Libby](#); tadmin@town.lincolntonville.me.us; [Samantha Mank](#); [Thomas Ingraham](#); [Allie Feener](#); tadmin@town.lincolntonville.me.us; selectmen@tidewater.net; [Peter Beckett](#); appleton@tidewater.net
Subject: FW: PRESS RELEASE: Mills Administration Awards \$5.6 Million to Build High Speed Internet Infrastructure for Students in Underserved Maine Communities
Date: Friday, November 20, 2020 12:08:27 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

FYI – yellow highlight is mine!!



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

November 20, 2020

Contact: [Scott Ogden](#) and [Lindsay Crete](#) (Governor Mills)

[Kelli Deveaux](#) (DOE)

[Kate Foye](#) (DECD)

Mills Administration Awards \$5.6 Million to Build High Speed Internet Infrastructure for Students in Underserved Maine Communities

More than 730 students in rural Maine will have access to highspeed broadband to support remote learning by the end of the year through the Governor's ConnectKidsNow! Initiative

Augusta, MAINE – Governor Janet Mills announced today that her Administration has awarded \$5.6 million in CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) monies to fund the construction of permanent internet infrastructure that will bring high-speed broadband to more than 730 students across rural Maine.

The awards are the result of a new Mills Administration initiative called ConnectKidsNow! that brought together State government, school superintendents, and several of Maine's Internet Service Providers in a public-private partnership to improve internet access and to build it out to new rural locations.

“Internet access is no longer a luxury, it is a necessity, and no child in Maine should be left out of the classroom because they can't get online,” **said Governor Mills**. “This public-private partnership will make a significant difference by bringing broadband to more kids in more rural communities so they can stay connected to their teachers and to one another. Still, there is more work to do. As

long as any Maine child struggles to learn because of a lack of internet access, I will continue to push for expanded broadband across the state of Maine.”

“This has been a phenomenal public and private partnership, and I am proud of the hard and collaborative work done by our administration and service providers to ensure more than 700 Maine students have the same virtual learning opportunities as their classmates,” **said Pender Makin, Commissioner of the Maine Department of Education.** “We are grateful for Governor Mills’ leadership, commitment and vision for a state where broadband access is prioritized and recognized as a vital and much needed resource.”

“Students’ ability to connect to distance learning is a key factor in school success,” **said Heather Johnson, Commissioner of the Department of Economic and Community Development.** “This is a significant step forward in students’ access to reliable internet access which is key to their future success.”

ConnectKidsNow! is a new initiative by the Mills Administration to further connect Maine students to high speed internet access amidst the pandemic. In response to the pandemic over the past several months, many school districts across Maine have developed and implemented a hybrid-learning model that divides students into cohorts, with one cohort attending school and the other cohorts engaged in remote learning from home. Some models also allow for schools to teach fully remotely, if deemed appropriate.

However, the ability of a child to learn remotely depends almost entirely on access to high speed internet – a challenge for a state like Maine that lacks adequate internet, if it has internet at all, in some rural locations. Recognizing this challenge, the Mills Administration – through the Department of Economic and Community Development, the Department of Education, and ConnectMaine – worked closely to identify where kids were not sufficiently connected, or at all connected, to the internet due to lack of infrastructure.

The Administration and Superintendents then partnered with Internet Service Providers who, in turn, evaluated where they would be able to build the necessary infrastructure to connect students to high speed internet before the end of this year, the deadline for using the CARES Act Funds established by the U.S. Treasury Department.

As a result, the Mills Administration awarded a total of \$5.6 million in CRF monies to the following seven Internet Services Providers to bring high-quality broadband to Maine students and rural communities:

- Axiom was awarded \$1.5 million to bring fiber connections to students on four roads in Whiting and East Machias.

“Axiom is pleased to be working closely with the state to connect kids to

21st Century fiber optic cabling,” **said Mark Ouellette, Axiom President and CEO.** “We appreciate the leadership of Governor Mills, Commissioner Johnson of DECD and Peggy Schaffer of ConnectMaine who have worked tirelessly to create the ConnectKidsNow! project. Because of their efforts we expect to connect unserved homes in rural parts of East Machias and Whiting and give kids a real chance to work from home.”

- Charter was awarded \$68,898 to extend service to students on roads in Canaan.
- Comcast was awarded \$77,000 to extend service to students living on unserved roads in Bath, Berwick, Kittery and Woolwich.
- First Light was awarded \$63,000 to extend service to students in Buckfield, Sumner, and Bethel.
- LCI was awarded \$2,165,000 to extend fiber service to Hope, Lincolnville and Appleton and a section of Bristol.

“We are so proud to work as partners with the School Districts and Municipal officials in Hope, Appleton and Lincolnville. By collaborating with our community partners we were able to successfully extend high-speed fiber optic broadband to over 300 student and teacher households in those three towns,” **said Shirley Manning, Owner and President of Tidewater Telecom and Lincolnville Networks.** “We know that this expansion of broadband will positively impact many, many rural families in our regions for decades to come. Our ultimate goal is to provide 100 percent Fiber to the Home to all of communities we serve. With the leadership of the ConnectMaine Authority and Governor Mills, we are now making a quantum leap forward toward that goal.”

- Pioneer was awarded \$52,000 and is expanding their fiber service in Houlton and Oxbow.

“Pioneer Broadband is pleased to participate in ConnectMaine’s ConnectKidsNow! Northern Maine has many homes with remote learners that have parked their cars near the town library in order to

get a WIFI connection,” **said Timothy R. McAfee, CEO of Pioneer Broadband.** “We look forward to connecting them at their homes!”

- Redzone Wireless was awarded \$1,739,700 to upgrade existing service and install new service to reach locations in 55 Maine towns.

“Maine's reliance on Broadband infrastructure for essential daily household activities, particularly remote education, has reached a critical level during the pandemic,” **said Jim McKenna, CEO of Redzone Wireless.** “We commend ConnectMaine and the Maine Department of Education for developing this program to address Maine's most urgent broadband needs quickly. Redzone Wireless is grateful for the opportunity to support this effort with both new and upgraded broadband infrastructure. The investments associated with this program will provide free broadband connections to hundreds of Maine families by January, and affordable broadband access to over 45,000 Maine homes in 55 communities.”

The ConnectKidsNow! Initiative builds on the Mills Administration's previous work to [secure mobile hotspots and learning devices](#) for nearly 24,000 students across Maine after schools suspended in-classroom instruction and adopted remote learning earlier this year. It also reinforces the Governor's goal to expand broadband across the state. Last year, the Governor introduced and helped pass a \$15 million bond, ultimately overwhelmingly approved by Maine voters, to expand broadband.

The Mills Administration's use of federal funding awarded to the state can be viewed on the Bureau of the Budget [website](#).

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From: [Thomas Ingraham](#)
To: [Sarah Ann Smith](#); [Amy Gertner](#); [Samantha Mank](#); [Brian Powers](#); [Bruce Haffner](#)
Subject: Fwd: Student and Teacher fiber optic broadband project update - Lincolnville, Hope, Appleton
Date: Friday, November 20, 2020 12:27:02 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[CARES - Fact Sheet - revised - current.pdf](#)

Update from LCI.

Be sure to read the last bullet!

Thom

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Alan Hinsey <alanh@lcifiber.net>
Date: November 19, 2020 at 6:47:40 PM EST
To: Kate Clark <kate.clark@fivetowns.net>, Maria Libby <maria.libby@fivetowns.net>, tadmin@town.lincolnville.me.us, Samantha Mank <SMank@hopemaine.org>, Thomas Ingraham <thomas.ingraham@gmail.com>, Allie Feener <ahfeener@gmail.com>, tadmin@town.lincolnville.me.us, selectmen@tidewater.net, Peter Beckett <pbeckett@gmail.com>, appleton@tidewater.net
Cc: Randal Manning <randalm@intelco.net>, "Schaffer, Peggy" <Peggy.Schaffer@maine.gov>, Nick Battista <nbattista@islandinstitute.org>, Shirley Manning <shirleym@intelco.net>, Cathy Pelletier <cathyp@intelco.net>
Subject: Student and Teacher fiber optic broadband project update - Lincolnville, Hope, Appleton

Hi all – below is a quick update on the fiber optic build out project for eligible student and teacher households in Hope, Lincolnville and Appleton

- Fiber construction going very well – we are building out over 75 miles of new fiber in the 3 towns
- In just under 2 weeks we have recv'd approx. 160 eligible applications – a steady flow is still coming in.
 - we want to wait till after T-Giving to have Superintendents send a second email blast to those student households that have not responded yet.
 - We'll also know at that time what % of the unserved student households applied for service.
- We will begin some individual installs and activations at homes in Hope

- next week. (Hope! -- that seems fitting!).
- In the first week of Dec we will be able to forecast how many installs we will can complete by 12/30 – and how many we plan to install in Jan.
 - We are getting good response from others eligible applicants too:
 - home schoolers
 - private school kids
 - teachers who live in L,H,A but teach in other districts or at Private schools (even some ed techs)
 - a good start on college students (we will definitely will be reaching out to college students more in Dec)
 - We plan to set up a ZOOM meeting in early Dec (inviting all of you) to:
 - share all the fiber network maps and addresses we have received applications from so far,
 - discuss next steps to secure more applicants (& how you can help),
 - discuss our installation scheduling
 - AND – we'd like to start talking with all 3 communities (together) about strategies for a combined/regional ConnectME Infrastructure grant application to complete the 100% Fiber to the Home (FTTH) access build out for all 3 towns.

That's just a quickie update. We are working as fast as possible – our field crews and customers service reps are working nights and weekends – and we have hired contractors to also help with this massive and rapid turn-around project. Thank you for your support (and patience).

Please share this info with your Select Bd, Broadband Committee, School Boards and Principals. Also please share the attached "Fact Sheet/FAQs" with everyone. Please urge folks to use the direct link to apply – www.tidewater.net/students. (it takes just 2 mins to apply)

Thanks, Alan

(PS – we were also able to secure an additional \$140,000 in federal CARES funds from MDOE/ConnectME build fiber out to a very rural unserved portion of AOS 93 in Bristol – we will be serving approx. 20–30 unserved student & teacher households in that community.)

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**FREE high-speed Internet
for selected Student and Teacher households in
Lincolnton, Hope and Appleton**

NOTICE: Special Offer from Tidewater Telecom & Lincolnton Networks

Because of the COVID 19 pandemic, the Maine Department of Education (DOE) has received federal emergency funding that can be used to provide high-speed broadband connections to K-12 student and teacher households, as well as households with enrolled college students, that currently do not have access to minimum internet speeds of 25 Mbps download and 3 Mbps upload.

Tidewater Telecom and Lincolnton Networks has been approved by the Maine DOE to build out its high-speed fiber optic network to selected student households in Hope, Appleton and Lincolnton.

Who qualifies for this special offer?

This offer is available to those who meet the following four qualifications:

1. Has a K-12 student/teacher or a currently enrolled college student living in the house.
2. Lives at selected student/teacher addresses in Appleton, Lincolnton or Hope.
3. Not connected to Tidewater Telecom/Lincolnton Networks' O.P.E.N.[™] fiber network.
4. Submits a signed application for service by December 30, 2020.

**Special Offer ends Decs 30, 2020
- to qualify you must apply NOW (application link below) -**

Tidewater Telecom and Lincolnton Networks will require a 1-year contract – you will receive*:

- **FREE fiber optic installation at your address (no up-front cost to you)**
- **FREE Router (no monthly charge)**
- **FREE internet service (100 x 100 Meg) for the first 6 months**
 - you will \$69.95 per month for the second 6 months.
 - at the end of the 12-month period, you can:
 - discontinue service
 - switch to 50 x 10 Meg service for \$69.95/month
 - or upgrade to a higher speed (i.e., 100 x 20 Mbps for \$89.95/month).

**NOTE – offer valid only for new O.P.E.N.[™] fiber optic internet customers*

To learn more and apply now, use this link:

Learn More and Apply – www.tidewater.net/students

Applications will be processed on a **first come first serve basis**. Because the program deadline is December 30, 2020, it is very important that you apply ASAP.

If you are interested, don't wait – use the application link above to APPLY TODAY.

FAQs

How much does it cost?

- Installation FREE
- Router FREE
- First 6 months of internet service FREE
- Second 6 months of service \$69.95 per month (plus taxes and fees)

What is included in this offer?

This offer covers three costs which would normally fall to the customer:

1. **The cost of installation.** This can vary wildly, with some costing thousands of dollars for fiber installation. The funding for this program covers many of those expensive costs of getting fiber to Maine students and teachers.
2. **The wireless router.** This program covers the cost of a wireless router that you can use as long as you subscribe to our O.P.E.N.™ Fiber internet service.
3. **Six months of free internet** and phone service, with an additional six months at \$69.95/month.

The services included are: 100 MEG Symmetrical Fiber internet, phone w/1000 minutes of long distance.

When will my new fiber optic internet service be activated?

- We will begin installation and service activation for homes that we can easily reach with our fiber cable in December 2020 and Jan 2021.
- Homes that require a more extensive fiber build out will take longer to install and activate – but we anticipate having the vast majority installed and activated by March 31, 2021.

Is a contract required?

- Yes – a one-year (12 month) contract.

What happens after the one-year contract?

- After your one-year contract is completed (following your six months free service and six months billed at \$69.95), you can either disconnect service OR switch to one of our standard plans (i.e., 50 x 10 Mbps for \$69.95/month or 100 x 20 Mbps for \$89.95/month, etc).

Why is this only available to students and teachers?

- The federal grant that is funding this project can only be used to connect student and teacher households to high-speed broadband.

Why is this only available in Appleton, Hope and Lincolnville?

- Due to the tight timeframe to utilize the funding for this project (program ends Dec 30, 2020), we had to limit our project scope to just those three towns, for the time being.

Learn More and Apply – www.tidewater.net/students