

# **Town of Fairhaven Broadband Study Committee**

## **Fairhaven Broadband Study Committee Mission:**

The mission of the Fairhaven Broadband Study Committee is to provide continuity between past committee work and the Municipal Light Plant Board which may be formed at a future date. This will include initiatives to advance the planning and funding for a potential deployment of an open access fiber network.

## **(- The Broadband Study Committee shall be charged with the following:**

- Town Meeting Preparation
- Coordination with Mass Broadband Institute regarding grant opportunities
- Execution of the Community Compact Cabinet Grant project
- Updates of the Broadband Master Plan
- What to do about the website and future management thereof
- Community Engagement
- Write an RFP for Open Access Partner
- RFP for full build out

## **The committee shall be comprised of seven (7) individuals as follows;**

1. Selectmen Representative (appointed by the Board)
2. Member of the Economic Development Committee (appointed by the committee)
3. Member of the Cable Advisory Committee (appointed by the committee)
4. Town Administrator appointee (to understand potential impact on Town Staffing (Direct or third-party coordination)
5. Three At-Large Members from the community
  - a. Desirable qualifications for At-Large Members would be
    - i. Technical Knowledge of the subject
    - ii. Knowledge of Finance
    - iii. Knowledge of Project Management

Terms shall be one year, reappointed annually. If a newly appointed member or alternate member does not get sworn in within 3 months of appointment, they will no longer be a member of the committee. Members shall not have more than 6 absences in a calendar year or they may be removed from the committee.

This is an Ad hoc committee and will serve until the work of the committee is completed as determined by the Board of Selectmen after which the committee will be disbanded.

- o Adopted by vote of the Board of Selectmen on December 17, 2018.
- o Amended by vote of the Board of Selectmen on February 27, 2019 to change the name from Municipal Fiber Study Committee to Broadband Study Committee.
- o Amended by vote of the Select Board on September 19, 2022 to include Associate members.