

The Cornish Broadband Committee recommended that the Selectmen send out eight *Requests For Information* (RFI's) to existing and potential providers of hard wired or fiber broadband services. The Selectmen agreed and the RFI letters were signed during their meeting Thursday, August 24, 2022 (two out of three of the Selectmen were present). The letters were subsequently mailed via certified mail and also sent via email.

Many thanks to Mary Curtis for her help with this!

The letter which follows on the next page, which was sent to Consolidated Communication, is typical. Similar letters were sent to the following seven companies:

Comcast Corporation
Chris Hodgdon, Director, Legislative Affairs
644 Bound Tree Rd.
Contoocook, NH 03229

Granite State Communications
Chris Rand, Vice President
600 South Stark Highway
Weare, NH 03281

HUB 66
Andrea Vient, CEO
100 Powdermill Rd.
Acton, MA 01720

New Hampshire Electric Co-op
James Bakas, Director
579 Tenney Mountain Highway
Plymouth NH 03264

Spectrum
John R. Maher, Director of Government Affairs
301 Barber Ave.
Worcester, MA 01606

TDS Telecomm
Joel Dohmeier, Director of Governmental and Regulatory Affairs
9910 Watts Rd #101
Verona, WI 53593

WiValley
Brian Foucher, President
310 Marlboro St.
Keene, NH 03431

Town of Cornish

Telephone: 603-675-5611
FAX: 603-675-5605



Mailing Address:
488 Town House Road
Cornish, NH 03745

August 25, 2022

To: Consolidated Communications
Jeffrey McIver, Fiber Expansion Manager, New Hampshire
770 Elm St.
Manchester NH 03101

VIA Certified Mail

SUBJECT: Request for Information (RFI) concerning Broadband Coverage and Services in the Town of Cornish, New Hampshire.

Dear Mr. McIver:

By an affirmative vote of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Cornish requests your assistance as they evaluate the availability of broadband services for all Town residents. You are receiving this letter because your company has been identified by the New Hampshire Office of Broadband Initiatives as a possible provider of broadband services.

The purpose of this letter is twofold:

- First, to request information about any broadband internet services you may provide at the present time.
- Second, to ask if your company is in a position to potentially expand broadband access to unserved and underserved addresses within the Town of Cornish.

Historically, several New Hampshire towns have expanded broadband access under RSA 33.3 and RSA 38:38, using local bonding capacity to fund the expansion (this is also known as the “Chesterfield Model”). Although it is possible that the Town may seek to utilize this method, there are federally funded programs that may offer a better and more cost effective solution. The intent of this RFI is to obtain information to support our Broadband Committee as they evaluate possible options and then make a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen.

We would request your response, within thirty days of the date of this letter, to the following items:

1. Does your company currently provide any hardwired or fiber broadband internet services to residents of the Town of Cornish at this time?
2. If your company does not currently provide hardwired or fiber internet services to residents of the Town of Cornish, would your company be able to provide broadband internet services in the future? If so, please provide contact information so that we may explore this further.

3. If your company is presently providing hardwired or fiber broadband services in the Town of Cornish, please provide specific information which identifies “serviceable addresses”, meaning addresses which are presently served, or addresses where your services are presently available. We would request that you provide this to us in an electronic format, ideally a spreadsheet or .csv file. For each address, or each range of addresses, we request the following information:
 - a. Street number address of all serviceable locations (or a range of such addresses)
 - b. Maximum available upload and download speeds presently available at the address.
 - c. Connection type (cable, fiber, etc.)

If you can also provide this information in the form of a map, it should include the above information in a GIS file format, KML file or GeoJSON file.

We would prefer to receive your response via email to townbos@comcast.net if possible. We will acknowledge receipt of your response. In the event we do not receive a response within thirty days of this letter, we shall assume that your company does not presently provide broadband service in the Town of Cornish, nor is it interested in providing such service in the future.

Please address any inquiries on this matter to townbos@comcast.net. You may also contact us via telephone or fax at the numbers above.

Thank you for your prompt response.

Sincerely,

The Board of Selectmen for the Town of Cornish, New Hampshire

Dillon Gallagher, Chair

John Hammond