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Broadband Committee reforming now

If you are interested in helping to bring reliable, fast, and affordable Internet to all homes in Readfield please consider joining our Broadband Committee.

We need to meet In February and March to discuss our direction with Internet Access and what to ask voters for this year's town meeting warrant. We want to keep this project moving and bring this service to the town in the next 12 to 24 months and we can't do it alone.

Please email our Town Manager Eric Dyer at manager@readfieldmaine.org or call the Town Office at 685-4939 today. Thanks for your interest.

What Readfield Property Owners Can Do To Help Bring Fiber To The Home (FTTH) To Readfield: Spread The Word

As the Select Board and the Broadband Committee work to develop proposals for FTTH for Readfield you can assist by spreading the word about our plans. Talk with your neighbors, folks you work with, folks you see at the Post Office and parents of your children's friends. Let them know about our online survey and ask them to complete it. The larger the response the better job we can do at offering the services most folks desire to have. We need input by March 1st if possible. Our goal is to have a couple of warrant articles on this year's town meeting secret ballot in June when we vote.

Summary of Survey Responses from Readfield Property Owners

Do you live in Readfield year round?
Year round 83% (212)   Seasonal 17% (45)   (Number of folks responding)

If you use the internet in Readfield, how do you connect to it?
Please choose the one option that you use most of the time, if you use more than one.
Cable (Spectrum) 84% (186)   DSL (Consolidated) 18% (46)   Wireless 7% (17)
Satellite 1% (2)   Don't use 1% (2)

If you have Internet service in Readfield, are you satisfied with it?
Satisfied 22% (58)   Somewhat dissatisfied 28% (72)   I don't have Internet in town 3% (7)
Mostly satisfied 30% (78)   Dissatisfied 18% (46)

What do you use the internet for? Check as many as you want.
Email 98% (257)   Video meetings, work collaboration 72% (189)
News, weather, shopping, searching 96% (250)   Gaming 21% (55)
Social media 79% (206)   School work, home work 33% (86)
Music, podcasts 66% (172)   Work from home 67% (176)
TV, video streaming, movies 80% (209)   Telehealth, telemedicine 34% (88)

Which speed of reliable internet service is important to you for your own and your family's use?
Enough for 1 or 2 devices at a time. For sending emails & small files, social media 9% (24)
Enough for 3 or more devices at a time. For Zoom, cloud backup, HD Movies 57% (147)
Fastest possible (more than available in town now.) 34% (88)
Speed is not important to me 1% (1)

Which of these elements of Internet service in Readfield are important to you for your own household use?
Reliability: service that always stays on 94% (245)   Having a low-income rate 56% (145)
Widespread intern: almost everyone who wants it can get it 61% (158)
High upload speeds in addition to download speeds 45% (117)   Highest possible speeds 61% (160)

Would you like to get emails (no more than two a month) about Internet service in town and other Town initiatives?
Yes 60% (156)   Skipped 40% (106)

What would you like us to know about Internet access in Readfield?
Answered 50%   (132)   Skipped 50% (130)

What information would you like to have about Internet access in Readfield?
Asked questions 18% (48)   Skipped 82% (214)

How many people in your household use the internet?
None 1% (1)   3-5 47% (122)
1-2 49% (127)   6+ 3% (8)

What options should the town explore for improving broadband internet services?
Own our own network contracting for construction, maintenance, customer service 44% (66)
Partner with a private company for a fiber network they own   66% (99)
Partner with a current provider to expand current services 38% (58)
Have no town involvement in internet services 29% (44)

The Town will be investigating multiple funding sources to help pay for improving internet infrastructure for broadband services. With limited grant opportunities available to us, what funding sources would you support?
Real estate taxes to cover operating expenses 14% (22)
Real estate taxes to cover capital expenses   22% (33)
Subscriber fees and assessments   52% (81)
A mix of real estate taxes and subscriber fees and assessments 61% (95)