



TOWN OF READFIELD

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SELECT BOARD RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, broadband internet services in Readfield are poor and many areas of town do not have access to the FCC recommended minimum speeds of 25 megabits download and 3 megabits upload capacity, and;

WHEREAS, it is increasing likely that our residents will need to work from home and require broadband internet service speeds greater than the FCC minimum speeds, and;

WHEREAS, not having reliable high-speed access in our community will negatively affect our property values, and;

WHEREAS, we have completed an inventory and mapped locations of unserved, underserved and claimed to be served by existing service providers, and;

WHEREAS, our town is part of a six-town partnership called the Western Kennebec Lakes Community Broadband Association seeking to improve broadband internet services which includes the towns of Fayette, Vienna, Readfield, Wayne, Leeds and Mount Vernon, and;

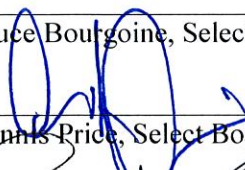
WHEREAS, there are numerous opportunities for grants to help pay for increasing the reliability and connectivity speeds to broadband services, and;

WHEREAS, there are many companies interested in providing those services,

NOW THEREFORE, the Readfield Board of Selectmen resolve to participate in a joint effort led by the Western Kennebec Lakes Community Broadband Association to provide uniform reliable highspeed broadband internet services to all of our commercial and residential property owners. The goals of this effort is:

1. If the solution is hybrid fiber/coax infrastructure, it must deliver minimum speeds of 100 Mbps download and 10 Mbps upload, with optional speeds of up to 940 Mbps download and 35 Mbps upload.
2. If the solution is Fiber-to-the-Home (FTTH) infrastructure, it must deliver minimum symmetrical speeds of 100 Mbps, with options to increase to 1 Gbps symmetrical.
3. Reliability of service provided must meet a standard of 99% availability during any 24-hour period.
4. Availability of service provided must be provided to 100% of the potential subscribers within each community.
5. Discounted service must be available for low-income households with demonstrated need.


Adopted this 17th day of August, 2020



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