MONADNOCK BROADBAND GROUP

AGENDA

October 13, 2020
3:30 p.m.

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Note: Today’s meeting of the Monadnock Broadband Group (MBG) will serve as content to the Fall 2020 meeting of the Southwest Region Planning Commission (SWRPC) which serves 33 communities in Southwest New Hampshire. Municipal officials and others in SWRPC’s network will join in the Zoom Room to observe the on-going work of the MBG and be encouraged to participate in discussion. Perhaps as a result of this, we will find interest among additional individuals and communities for participating in MBG meetings. Following an introduction to the SWRPC event and attention to a couple brief business matters, attention will be turned to MBG and the meeting agenda outlined below.

I. Welcome

II. Monadnock Region Broadband Implementation Guide

Over the summer, SWRPC staff and members of the Monadnock Broadband Group have contributed to a guide designed to inform municipal broadband efforts – especially those following “The Chesterfield Model.” Todd Horner of SWRPC staff will provide a brief overview of the current version of the Guide.

III. Introduction to Communication Districts

Following the recent passage of HB 1111, communities in New Hampshire may now join together to own and operate broadband infrastructure. Carol Monroe, CEO of ValleyNet and a frequent participant of Monadnock Broadband Group meetings, has offered to provide an overview presentation on what the legislation says and how communities could take the first steps towards considering and forming a district.

IV. Updates

A chance to learn about what others are doing. Legislators, their staff and others are asked to provide updates relative to State and Federal broadband legislation. Attendees are encouraged to describe activities related to addressing broadband and telecommunications challenges and opportunities.

V. Next Steps

Strategies for moving forward, coordination, collaboration, etc.

VI. Next Meeting

VII. Adjourn