MONADNOCK BROADBAND GROUP

AGENDA

February 3, 2020
2:00 p.m.

County Hall Building
Delegation Meeting Room
12 Court Street, Keene, NH
Enter from Center Street or Winter Street
Park at Metered Parking Only (Not in Center Street or Winter Street Lots)

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. 2020 Legislative Updates

a. Senate Bill 457 / LSR 2020-2811: Establishing Communications Districts
b. Senate Bill 459 / LSR 2020-2871: Relative to Determining Access to Broadband
c. Senate Bill 559 / LSR 2020-2908: Relative to Municipal Broadband Infrastructure Bonds

At least three bills this session will propose changes dealing with broadband infrastructure. Attendees are encouraged to coordinate on consolidated testimony, talking points and other logistics.

III. Collaborative Models: ValleyNet, ECFiber and LymeFiber

Vermont’s first communication union district (ECFiber), provides fiber-based internet service in over a dozen communities with support from ValleyNet, a non-profit focused on designing, building, and operating fiber networks in both Vermont and New Hampshire (including Lyme, NH via LymeFiber).

IV. Other Updates

A chance to learn about what others are doing. 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

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