

MONADNOCK BROADBAND GROUP

AGENDA

November 17, 2023
1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Delegation Room
Historic Cheshire County Courthouse
12 Court Street, Keene, NH
(Enter from Center Street or Winter Street, 2nd Floor)

zoom.us/j/84274745543
Meeting ID: 842 7474 5543
Passcode: 718272
Join by phone: 1-646-558-8656

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Draft Plans and Proposals (60 minutes)

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration's [Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment \(BEAD\) Program](#), provides [\\$196.6 million](#) to expand high-speed internet access in New Hampshire. The State's Office of Broadband Initiatives and Mission Broadband (the State's contractor) recently announced public review and comment periods for their Initial Proposal document, Volume I and Volume II tied to this funding. Staff from Mission Broadband will provide an overview of the different BEAD-related documents, accept input from attendees, and answer questions.

III. Draft Digital Equity Plan (20 minutes)

In tandem with the development of documents related to BEAD, the State's Office of Broadband Initiatives has overseen the development of the first ever Digital Equity Plan by the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension (UNHCE) and the National Collaborative for Digital Equity (NCDE). Project partners established a website for the initiative (nhdigitalequity.org) and conducted various surveys and discussions over the course of the development of the Plan. Following the [November 13th Digital Equity Summit](#), staff from UNHCE and NCDE will provide an overview of New Hampshire's 4-year plan for digital equity in support of economic, educational and other opportunities.

IV. Member Updates (10 minutes)

A chance to learn about what others are doing. Attendees are encouraged to describe activities related to addressing broadband and telecommunications challenges and opportunities in their communities.

V. Next Steps

An open forum on strategies for moving forward, coordination, collaboration, etc.

VI. Adjourn