

## *THE NOBLEBORO BROADBAND COMMITTEE*

### *MISSION STATEMENT*

**The mission of Nobleboro's Broadband Committee** is to research the need for expansion and improvement of broadband throughout our community with the goal of making high speed connectivity accessible to every home and business in Nobleboro at an affordable price.



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### *STATEMENT OF 2021 GOALS*

The initial request for appointing an ad hoc Broadband Research and Education Committee for the Town of Nobleboro occurred as recently as May 2021. Fortunately we were able to establish a full committee within sixty days and hold the committee's first meeting in early August. Since that time, the committee has:

- Formalized members roles and responsibilities;
- Applied for and was awarded a startup grant from the Maine Community Foundation;
- Asked for and received Select Board recognition as an official town committee;
- Participated in an educational presentation with representatives from Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission and the Island Institute;
- Held information gathering discussions with our local internet service provider (ISP) and;
- Participated in numerous Zoom meetings with regional organizations and coalitions working on community, regional and statewide broadband initiatives.

Committee members most important takeaway has been the sense of urgency that needs to be recognized as towns throughout the state, who began to address these same issues well before Nobleboro, move forward competing for various grant monies and contracting with a limited supply of consultants and contractors to make broadband a reality in their communities.

With this sense of urgency in mind, the Broadband Committee has set an overarching goal of completing the following tasks by the end of 2021:

- Mapping the entire community to determine the number of residents, business and public facilities served, underserved and unserved by acceptable broadband (high speed) connectivity;
- Surveying the entire community regarding their current service, its quality, reliability and their expectations. This survey will be executed by multiple methods including U.S. mail, social media, and "boots on the ground";
- In-depth analysis of the mapping and survey results cumulating in a presentations to the Select Board;
- Writing and submitting grant applications, as applicable, to meet the needs of the community, within application guidelines and deadlines; and
- Working to improve public understanding of the need to bring reliable broadband connectivity to the entire community.

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### *WELCOME'S YOUR INPUT*

This is a large undertaking. The members of the Nobleboro Broadband Committee are committed to determining the best and most cost effective broadband solutions for both the town and its residents. I will keep community members and businesses posted through the Town Website as work on this project progresses.

Please feel free to email your comments and questions to:

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with Nobleboro Broadband Committee in the subject line.

Cordially – Peter Gabbe, Chair  
on behalf of Nobleboro Broadband Committee