



June 9, 2022

Wayne Godfrey
Board of Selectmen
130 RT10
Piermont, NH 03779

Dear Chairman Godfrey,

[New Hampshire Electric Cooperative](#) (NHEC) has exciting news for Piermont: high-speed is coming to town!

We're pleased to [announce](#) that Piermont is part of a major fiber-optic expansion project that will provide broadband internet capable of speeds in excess of 1 Gigabit per second to over 200 homes and businesses in town that are served by NHEC.

Through [NH Broadband](#), NHEC's internet subsidiary, the Co-op will be providing high-speed internet to nearly 16,000 homes and businesses in the following towns in Grafton County:

- Ashland
- Bath
- Benton
- Bridgewater
- Bristol
- Campton
- Canaan
- Dorchester
- Easton
- Ellsworth
- Grafton
- Groton
- Hanover
- Haverhill
- Hebron
- Holderness
- Landaff
- Lisbon
- Littleton
- Lyman
- Monroe
- Orange
- Orford
- Piermont
- Plymouth
- Rumney
- Sugar Hill
- Thornton
- Warren
- Wentworth
- Woodstock

As part of NH Broadband's Grafton County project, the Co-op will be building an all fiber-optic network, which will provide high-speed internet to NHEC member homes and businesses. NHEC is not asking municipalities to bond or provide town funds in support of this high-speed internet expansion project. We know that you have residents in Piermont that will not be part of this initial expansion because they are not served by NHEC, but we welcome a discussion with you on pathways we can pursue to ensure every home and business in Piermont has access to high-quality, reliable, high-speed internet.



As the project progresses and state & federal grants become available, NHEC will be contacting you to ask for your support for this critical project, which will make great progress towards bridging the digital divide in New Hampshire.

Grafton County has some of the most unserved and underserved communities in New Hampshire, which was a significant factor in selecting it for NHEC's next fiber-optic expansion project. The new fiber-optic network will begin providing broadband service to NHEC members as sections are completed, with a goal to complete project construction in 18 months.

Preconstruction work has already begun on the Grafton County project. System design and engineering are underway, material procurement is underway and make-ready construction (the work to prepare utility poles to accept the new fiber-optic cable) is expected to begin in June.

We will be starting construction in Plymouth and moving out from there. The first Grafton County residents should receive service late this calendar year with the full build complete in 2023. We'll also be posting updates, pictures and other news on the NH Broadband website (www.NHBroadband.com) and Facebook Page (www.facebook.com/NHBroadband). In the meantime, please feel free to reach out with any questions to Michael Licata at licatam@nhec.com.

High-speed internet is an essential service, as necessary today as electricity was in the 1940's when NHEC first brought light and power to many of these same towns. Thank you for your support as we work to connect communities in Grafton County!

Sincerely,

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Chair, NHEC Board of Directors

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