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Town of Fryeburg Receives \$5,000 from Maine Community Foundation

Town of Fryeburg received \$5,000 from the Broadband Initiative Fund of the Maine Community Foundation to implement a community involved process to plan for the eventual build-out of reliable high speed internet to serve area residents. High speed internet access is critical to improving Fryeburg resident's quality of life and ability to remain competitive in a changing economy. It has been proven that high-speed internet access improves economic and business opportunities, educational outcomes, socioeconomic equality, telemedicine, public safety and more.

The Select Board recently voted to create a Broadband Committee which will include a mix of town staff, business owners and residents. This Committee will be circulating a survey about your broadband service or lack thereof, how you use it and how satisfied you are with it. Everyone in Fryeburg is invited to complete the survey which will provide us with important information to improve internet service in Fryeburg. The Committee will also be sending you information to test your internet download and upload speeds. This information is needed to help create a benchmark for the speeds Fryeburg residents and businesses have now and will help identify service gaps.

The funding received from Maine Community Foundation is making this surveying and mapping process possible so we can understand the future infrastructure needs.

For more information, call Fryeburg Town Manager Katie Haley at 207-935-2805.

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