

Taghkanic Broadband Committee Report December 9, 2019

The Taghkanic Broadband Committee met on November 20, 2019. Present were Chris Tallackson, Nancy Rutter, Susan Raymond and Arthur McGuire.

The group discussed upcoming Broadband reports for the TGazette and Gtel's progress in our town. The idea of a second Broadband Open House was suggested for next year once infrastructure has been completed. The three Broadband providers in our town could talk to residents about their then-current offerings, pricing, etc.

Arthur had spoken with Frank Boscarillo of Gtel and learned the following:

- Work has continued on Route 27 up to Pumpkin Hollow Road.
- Work has commenced on Pumpkin Hollow Road.
- Ten miles of strand has been run in our town. It holds the fiber in place and the fiber will follow.
- Fiber has been run by the new connection cabinet on Taghkanic Churchtown Road.
- The company has hired additional splicers to speed up the installation.
- Gtel was connecting customers on Reese and Brothers Roads. There should be six new Broadband hookups there now.
- Fiber has been installed but not yet spliced from the Ancram/Taghkanic line along Route 82 to the Taconic State Parkway.
- Gtel expects to meet its infrastructure commitment for Phases 1 and 2 by the end of the year. It is concentrating on unserved and underserved areas which include much of our town.

I have reached out recently to Gtel for a more-recent update but have not heard back. We will notify the residents when we have more news.

Arthur McGuire
Chairman
Taghkanic Broadband Committee
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