

Taghkanic Broadband Advisory Committee

Report to the Taghkanic Town Board with regard to the Broadband Advisory Committee's Meeting of September 22, 2016

The Taghkanic Broadband Advisory Committee (the "*Committee*") had a regularly scheduled meeting at 2 p.m. on Thursday, September 22, 2016.

Ms. Edwards reported to the meeting on the proceedings of the last Connect Columbia meeting.

Discussion then turned to the status of the broadband grant programs, the improvement and extensions of broadband service that might be anticipated and what might be done to determine providers' plans and, specifically, to what extent and how they might be motivated to expand and improve their services in Taghkanic. Among the concerns discussed were questions whether service would be extended to those not now served or would funding be used only to improve the quality of service to those already served, the accuracy of the provided maps which appear to show service in areas where service is not actually available, the timing of improvements that are to be made and the frequency of providers' reports regarding progress. Concerns over the inadequacy of local cellphone service and how that might relate to the broadband issue were also discussed.

To aid in addressing those concerns, the Committee scheduled a special meeting to be held in Town Hall at 11 a.m. on Thursday, October 6, 2016. The purpose of the meeting is to address the foregoing issues as they relate to Mid-Hudson Cable. Representatives of Mid-Hudson Cable have been invited to, and will attend, the meeting to respond to questions from the Committee, including among other things, questions relating to Mid-Hudson's existing coverage as described on the maps made available to the Committee, which will be available for review at the meeting. David Berman of Connect Columbia will also attend to assist the Committee with his technical expertise.