

## **Taghkanic Broadband Committee Report**

### **November 11, 2019**

The Broadband Committee met on Wednesday, October 16, 2019. Present were Nancy Rutter, Chris Tallackson, Susan Raymond and Arthur McGuire.

The Committee discussed the Congressman Delgado meeting; the progress of Gtel as well as that of the other Taghkanic Broadband providers; and Susan Raymond's upcoming TGazette article about both. Susan will reach out to Frank Boscarillo of GTel for updates before her article is run.

Arthur has also reached out to Frank Boscarillo for updates and can report the following:

- Gtel has 21 subscribers installed in Taghkanic so far.
- Splicing is finished in the Reesa/Brothers Roads areas with nine new subscribers expected to be installed soon.
- Two new subscribes have been connected on Sopak and Sugar Mountain Roads with nine others expressing interest there.
- Cabling is complete from the East Gallatin Hut, down Route 82 to the Taconic Parkway.
- Cabling is complete on New Forge Road I down to Tompkins Road.
- A junction cabinet has been added on Pumpkin Hollow Road.
- Strand (supporting wire) has been hung on Taghkanic Churchtown Road as far as Reservoir Road. Fiber cable will be added to this strand and connected to the Pumpkin Hollow cabinet.
- The Post Hill Road boring under the Taconic Parkway will receive cable once approvals from Verizon and National Grid have been approved. The boring contains a four inch conduit with four individual sections. Gtel will use one, with the others available for future expansion or use by other utility companies.
- In the past three months, Gtel has run 30 miles of fiber, with ten more expected in Taghkanic by the end of November.
- The company still expects to complete the Phase 2 infrastructure by the end of this year, with the Phase 3 infrastructure finished by the middle of next year. The Phase 3 area includes the northeast part of Taghkanic and the Taconic Hills Schools.
- Only one GTel pole was blown partly down in the 10/31 - 11/1 windstorm. The cable was not severed and the damage has since been repaired.

The Broadband Committee continues to be encouraged by Gtel's progress and that of the other providers in Taghkanic. As noted above, we now have our 21 Gtel connections in addition to those served with fiber by Mid-Hudson Cable and Consolidated Communications. We look forward to the day when the rest of our residents have access to high speed Internet.

Arthur McGuire  
Chairman  
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