

Taghkanic Broadband Committee Report October 12, 2020

The Broadband Committee met on September 17, 2020. The main topic of discussion was the preparation of a guide providing information to residents regarding Internet access for students, seniors and those of limited financial means. Members of the committee had researched the issue and presented their findings. Nancy Rutter has spearheaded the task of converting this information into a guide. Drafts are now being reviewed by the committee members. We should be finished within the next month or two.

I have since communicated with Frank Boscarillo of Gtel regarding the company's recent progress in Taghkanic. It now has 223 locations on fiber in our town as of last Thursday. The company has changed its way of reporting. In the past, Gtel had reported each of multiple services at a location; for example, if a location had Internet and TV, that would have counted as 2 connections. The reporting criteria has been changed to now only include the number of active locations with fiber. This accounts for the lower number of installations than in last month's report. There are 855 locations with 911 addresses in Taghkanic.

Gtel connected 20 new customers in Taghkanic in September, and two so far in October. There are five more now scheduled for this month. Every area in Taghkanic awarded to Gtel is ready for connection; potential customers just have to sign up.

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