

Broadband Monthly Report for February 2022:

The Broadband Committee met via Zoom on 1/19/22. Attending were Chris Tallackson, Susan Raymond, Joyce Thompson and Nancy Rutter.

We have concerns regarding the “gray” areas in the town meaning potential lack of Broadband infrastructure. This is despite the fact that the County Survey indicated that there were none. Taghkanic is not alone with this situation. Gallatin has similar challenges. There is an attachment to this report, where Chris Tallackson has a detailed explanation of the current status in our town.

We also discussed the need to update the Broadband Guide and the Financial Guide for those in economic need. We plan to followup with each of the providers for the town. There is a program called the Affordability Connectivity Program (ACP), which GTel offers on their site. Consolidated will be launching this on March 3. We anticipate, along with information that Chris obtained, that there will be more on offer as the funds are allocated thru Federal and State programs. Because of this potential it is critical that the Town Board has an accurate picture of our infrastructure so that we can qualify for future funding opportunities.

We also discussed the need for a new Town Board Liaison with Joyce’s retirement from the Board.

Our next meeting is scheduled for February 16 at 2.

**Nancy Rutter
Chair**