



TOWN OF MOUNT WASHINGTON
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The Town is nearing the three year anniversary of the start of our broadband network. We are very pleased with Broadband operations. We have a healthy reserve of approximately \$100,000 for any repairs/replacements that may be needed, and we anticipate receiving an additional \$53,000 grant to continue our expansion, as needed.

The three year anniversary is November 1, 2020. For purposes of budgeting, we are asking all initial subscribers to commit to another three year agreement for broadband. The Select Board has decided to reduce the Town's portion of the billing by \$20. per month. So, rather than collecting \$80. per month per subscriber to operate broadband, the Town will collect \$60.00 per month. This sum goes to all costs of operation, including repairs, replacements, maintenance and reserves. This sum also pays for the internet connection. The Select Board has also decided to increase our bandwidth capacity from 500 megabits per second to 750 megabits per second to ensure that everyone continues to have capacity at peak times of use as all subscribers share the bandwidth. The Select Board has asked Jeb Rong to help more with any technical issues. Jeb monitors the capacity and use.

We have attached another three year agreement for you to sign.

The owner of the property should sign the agreement, print his/her name below for identification and date it and return the original to the Town Hall at 2 Plantain Pond Road, Mt. Washington, MA 01258. Please send this agreement back by November 1, 2020 to avoid the need for follow up.

All subscribers must sign the three year contract. Keep in mind that anyone buying your home can take over your agreement.

If you are not aware, any fees due for Broadband at the time of sale of your property will be included on the tax certificate issued to any buyer to ensure that the fees due are paid by you or the buyer of your property.

The Select Board hopes that the broadband network continues to be a success long term.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact any Select Board member. All contact information is on the Town website at www.townofmtwashington.com.

AGREEMENT

Agreement dated this day of _____, 20__

The undersigned owns the following property in Mount Washington MA:

_____.

The Town of Mount Washington intends to continue to provide Broadband service to the undersigned and the property.

As consideration for the Town continuing to provide such service, the undersigned agree to pay the Town's Internet Service Provider each month, year round the following: 1) Sixty (\$60.00) per month for the Town of Mount Washington operating fee, and 2) your internet and telephone charges (currently \$39.95, but subject to change), for three years from November 1, 2020. These sums are exclusive of state, federal and local taxes/fees. Billing for both fees will continue to be handled entirely by the Internet Service Provider.

WITNESS our hands and seals this _____ day of _____, 20__

print name of Owner (sign above)-

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