



Lamoille FiberNet

Communications Union District

Annual Report 2022



## Who We Are

- Lamoille FiberNet is a Communications Union District (CUD) currently serving all towns in Lamoille County
- Organized under Vermont Legislation, VSA 30 Chapter 82 which enabled the formation of CUDs in Vermont to provide high speed, symmetrical Internet access to all Vermont residents
- Founding member towns include Cambridge, Eden, Johnson, Morristown and Waterville. Since conception, Belvidere, Hyde Park, Elmore, Stowe, and Wolcott have joined the District, bringing the town count to 10
- Our mission is to ensure locally-controlled, affordable, and reliable high-speed Internet service to every address in our member towns



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## Governing Body

- The Governing Board is composed of Primary and Alternate representatives appointed annually by the selectboards of each member town.
- All meeting times, agendas, and minutes are posted on our website ([lamoillefiber.net](http://lamoillefiber.net)) and warned as necessary at each town's office.





## 2022 Planning Activity

- Through pole studies, GIS mapping, and field observations, we have gained a much more detailed understanding of our demographics, addresses to be served, and the topographic diversity of the region.
- Worked with National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative (NRTC) to develop a sound and viable Financial Model, High-level Network Design, and Business Plan. The plan was subsequently accepted by the Governing Board enabling us to apply for roughly \$21 million in build-out grant dollars.
- Released and awarded RFP for Design/Construction and project management. NRTC will be our Design/Build Project Management partner.
- Received first delivery of 45 miles of fiber optic cable which is being stored by Vermont Electric Coop.
- Releasing our RFP in the next couple of weeks for Internet Service Provider, Operations, and Maintenance of the network. That RFP will close Nov 25<sup>th</sup>.



# Grants Received

- \$1,193,885 (December 2021) Vermont Community Broadband Board (VCBB) grant for planning, design, and construction
- \$120,970 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding
- \$30,000 USDA Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG) grant through the Lamoille County Planning Commission (LCPC) to assist in the mission of providing broadband to member towns.
- \$7,500 from LCPC and \$3,500 from Lamoille Economic Development Corporation (LEDC) in support of the USDA RBDG. Both the LCPC and LEDC grants are to help with administrative expenses.
  - Lamoille County Planning Commission provides daily administrative support as well as overall governance guidance to the Board and the Committees.
- Department of Public Services Grant in partnership with NEK Broadband (pass-through) for use toward bringing service to non-served communities in the NEK region.



## Submitted by the LFCUD Governing Board:

**Belvidere:** Carol Caldwell Edmonds

**Cambridge:** Sam Lotto, Teelah Hall

**Eden:** Carey Earle

**Elmore:** Brian Evans-Mongeon, Hans deBoer, Randy Tomlin

**Hyde Park:** Michael Rooney, Carol Fano, Jack Wool

**Johnson:** Paul Warden, Charlotte Reber

**Morristown:** Jane Campbell, John Meyer

**Stowe:** Stephen Friedman, Scott Weathers

**Waterville:** Jeff Tilton, Lucy Rogers

**Wolcott:** Andrew Ross



# Staff and Administration

- **Executive Director:** Val Davis
- **Executive Assistant:** Lisa Birmingham
- **Construction Project Manager:** Fabian Bourgeois
- **Treasurer:** Mark Schilling

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