



Lamoille FiberNet
Communications Union District

2021 Annual Report

What is Lamoille FiberNet?

Lamoille FiberNet is a CUD (Communications Union District) serving Lamoille County. Lamoille FiberNet CUD was 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.

Our original member towns included Belvidere, Cambridge, Eden, Johnson, Hyde Park, Morristown and Waterville and in the last year we have also added Stowe and Wolcott. Our mission is to provide locally-controlled, affordable, and reliable high-speed Internet service to every address in our 9 member towns.

Governing Body

Our Governing Board is made up of representatives appointed by the selectboards of our member towns. We have an Executive Committee, a Technology Committee, a Marketing & Communications Committee and a Partnership Task Force which is charged with arranging partnerships with telcom construction companies and Internet Service Providers (ISPs). Meeting times, agenda and minutes are posted on our website <https://lamoillefiber.net/>

2021 Planning Activity

This year we commissioned the first draft of our preliminary business plan. This was performed by the Tilson Group. This plan provides valuable data that we will use going forward. This data includes the location of existing infrastructure like utility pole data, locations of existing services, total numbers of E-911 addresses, boundaries of local power companies and more. We also sent out an "Request For Proposal" (RFP) for partners to build our network and provide Internet services to our member towns. We received many good proposals and it was the responsibility of the Partnership Task Force to go through those responses and choose the entities we will partner with. At the time of this report we are very close to signing a Memorandum of Understanding with a provider. We also recently hired Val Davis as our Executive Director.

2021 Grants Received

In 2021 we received a \$120,970 ARPA grant to support our mission. We also received a \$30,000 USDA RDBG grant through The Lamoille County Planning Commission (LCPC) to assist in the mission of providing broadband to our member towns. In support of the USDA RDBG grant, The LCPC granted us \$7500 and the Lamoille Economic Development Corporation (LEDC) granted us \$3500. Both the LCPC and LEDC Grants are to help with administrative expenses. We also received a DPS Grant to partner with NEK Broadband in providing service to non-served communities in their region. The Lamoille County Planning Commission provides daily administrative support as well as overall governance guidance to the Board and the Committees.

Submitted by LFCUD Governing Board

Jeff Tilton (Vice Chair) and Lucy Rogers (**Waterville**)

Jane Campbell, John Meyer and Carl Fortune (**Morristown**)

Charlotte Reber, Doug Molde and Paul Warden (**Johnson**)

Michael Rooney (Chair), Jack Wool and Carol Fano (**Hyde Park**)

Liza Jones and Stephanie Van Blunk (**Eden**)

Timothy Humphrey and Sam Lotto (**Cambridge**)

Carol Caldwell Edmonds and Kipp Verner (**Belvidere**)

Stephen Friedman, Chris Foran and Scott Weathers (**Stowe**)

Bruce Wheeler and Michael Davidson (**Wolcott**)

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