

Becket Broadband

Informational Sessions and Update

The Broadband Ad Hoc Group will hold two informational sessions this summer to report on the high-speed Internet fiber network (broadband for short) project's status and projected timeline. Residents will have an opportunity to ask questions and voice their concerns.

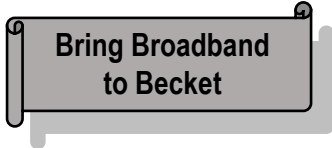
Starting in June we hope you noticed that work has commenced to install new utility poles wherever replacements are required. This is the first stage of the make-ready process, which will involve moving the existing electric and telephone wires where necessary to accommodate our new fiber. It is impossible to know when the utility companies (Eversource and Verizon) will complete the make-ready work. After this work is completed construction of the network will begin. The final phase will consist of connecting individual homes. We are hoping to have broadband service available in the first quarter of 2021.

The State has been very helpful and increased their funding to offset a significant increase in make-ready costs. Hopefully, this will allow us to offer residents who contract for service during the early-sign-up campaign a subsidy to cover some, if not all, of the cost to connect to the Internet via our network.

As the project moves along, each homeowner who contracts for service will have an opportunity to review how the connection to the house has been designed as well as to learn about any available options and what the estimated cost will be.

Attend One of Two Sessions

When: ♦ Saturday, July 20 at 10am ♦ Tuesday, August 6 at 4pm
Where: Town Hall Community Room, 557 Main Street, Becket MA 01223
RSVP: Bev Gilbert (413) 623-8934 ext. 100 or adminasst@townofbecket.org
Please let us know which session you will attend. *Walk-ins welcome.*



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