

WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THE BROADBAND PROJECT?

The Smart Cities Fiber Network initiative was started about seven years ago because of a frustration with existing service and the dim future prospect of improvement. It's been a long journey building a smart grid and securing a company to lease the dark fiber and provide high speeds to customers. The town invested about five million dollars in developing and building the network and opted for an active network with a dedicated fiber to each home and business in town. It can be upgraded to accommodate increased demand and can extend beyond the town limits if the lessee opts to do so. Other companies have stepped up their service in Highlands and that competition benefits us all. While the town borrowed money for the construction of the fiber optic network, we will not be providing broadband to customers. Hotwire will lease the network from the town and offer service options to residents. The network is a world class system that will provide ample broadband speeds for years to come. A fiber network is the state-of-the-art delivery system for broadband, and Highlands is one of the few communities in the state that will have a unified broad band network. While intense discussions concerning broad band networks have taken place at the state and national level, underserved communities will have to wait several more years. Highlands will have it now.

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