

Monadnock Broadband Group

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COUNTY HALL BUILDING, DELEGATION MEETING ROOM, 12 COURT STREET, KEENE, NH

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Last Time

Broadband Bonding 101: Tammy St. Gelais, Executive Director, NH Municipal Bond Bank and attorney, Richard Manley, Locke Lord provided an overview of the municipal bonding process.

Vermont's Innovation in Broadband Policy: Robert Fish, Rural Broadband Tech Assistant Specialist, Telecommunications and Connectivity Division, Vermont Department of Public Service provided an overview of the Broadband Innovation Grant Program and Communications Union Districts.

Webinar recording and meeting materials are available at www.swrpc.org/broadbandgroup.

Today's Agenda

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. 2020 Legislative Updates
 - a. [Senate Bill 457](#) / LSR 2020-2811: Establishing Communications Districts
 - b. [Senate Bill 459](#) / LSR 2020-2871: Relative to Determining Access to Broadband
 - c. [Senate Bill 559](#) / LSR 2020-2908: Relative to Municipal Broadband Infrastructure Bonds
- III. Collaborative Models: [ValleyNet](#), [ECFiber](#) and [LymeFiber](#)
- IV. Other Updates
- V. Next Steps
- VI. Next Meeting
- VII. Adjourn

Senate Bill 457

Purpose: **This bill provides for the establishment of communications districts.**

Originated with **LSR 2811**

Sponsors: **Sen. Dietsch, Dist 9; Sen. Bradley, Dist 3; Rep. Butler, Carr. 7; Rep. Thompson, Ches. 14**

Senate Committee Assignment: **Election Law and Municipal Affairs**

Senate Bill 459

Purpose(s): This bill defines areas where broadband providers do not respond to certain municipal requests as unserved. This bill also allows E911 services to share broadband information with municipalities.

Originated with LSR 2871

Sponsors: Sen. Bradley, Dist 3; Sen. Giuda, Dist 2; Rep. McGhee, Hills. 40; Rep. Marsh, Carr. 8; Rep. Somssich, Rock. 27; Rep. Josephson, Graf. 11; Rep. Knirk, Carr. 3

Senate Committee Assignment: Election Law and Municipal Affairs

Senate Bill 559

Purpose(s): This bill permits municipalities to consider areas unserved if broadband providers fail to respond to a request for information within 2 months, or if the transmission rates fail to meet a telecommunications capability as defined by section 706 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Originated with LSR 2871

Sponsors: Sen. Kahn, Dist 10; Sen. Levesque, Dist 12; Sen. Bradley, Dist 3; Sen. Hennessey, Dist 5; Rep. Barry, Hills. 21; Rep. Leishman, Hills. 24; Rep. Mann, Ches. 2; Rep. Harvey, Ches. 1

Senate Committee Assignment: Election Law and Municipal Affairs