

**Jaffrey Economic Development Council**  
**Draft Minutes 6/29/11**  
**9:00 am Town Office**

Present: Kathy Batchelder, Jim Dumont, Don MacIsaac, Steve Walker, Bill Schofield  
Staff: Jo Anne Carr

1. Fiber Optic Informational Meeting: John Meehan, NH Optical Systems  
NH Optical Systems (<http://www.nhosystems.com/>) in partnership with WaveGuide won the bid from UNH for the Middle Mile fiber optic installation which is one component of a three part project. Network New Hampshire Now (NNHN), a broad consortium of business, government and the University of New Hampshire (<http://www.unh.edu/networknhnow/index.html>) will build new and connect to existing expand middle-mile fiber in all 10 counties in the state and extend 720 miles of fiber optic cable and link 250 community anchor institutions by June 2013. This access will open up competition for service to additional service providers such as WiValley, OTT, Paytec, ATT/MCI and provide public access to the poles. The service will tie into neighboring states to extend the fiber optic network. The cables have 288 fibers of which 144 are remaining available in the Jaffrey area.

A last-mile fiber network extension will occur in southwest and western New Hampshire. The pilot communities are Rindge and Enfield. A middle-mile microwave network will be constructed and connected to the fiber network for public safety, transportation, public TV and mobile broadband communications on existing mountaintops across New Hampshire. The microwave capacity will extend from 4- 10G.

The project is funded by \$44.5 million in economic stimulus money and is matched with \$22 million in private cash and in-kind funding. The program will be is managed by the UNH Information Technology department, under the oversight of UNH's Office of Sponsored Research according to NTIA guidelines.

2. Broadband Mapping and Planning Program: Tara Germond SWRPC  
Tara gave a brief summary of the 2 year broadband mapping project awarded to SWRPC through the UNH Information Technology department as noted above. The project consists of two components: a broadband availability inventory and mapping effort and a planning segment which will identify barriers promote collaboration between service providers and end users.

The mapping project has been underway since January 2010 and identifies community anchor institutions such as schools, libraries, medical facilities, public safety facilities, university/colleges, governmental users and others.

The planning component is coordinated through the regional planning commission to develop a regional broadband access plan. The SWRPC will be seeking stakeholder input through this summer and on-going through completion of the project. More information can be found here: <http://www.iwantbroadbandnh.com>

3. Status Reports

No updates as we ran out of time  
a. *Elite Laundry*  
b. *SCORE Workshop*

#### **4. Adjourn**

NEXT MEETING: July 27, 2011  
9AM Town Office