

WHAT MUNICIPALITIES CAN DO:

It is recommended that municipalities consider the following actions. These actions are organized by the governmental bodies that would have responsibility for implementation of the recommendations:

GOVERNING BODY: Board of Selectmen, Town Council, or City Council

1. Inventory municipal buildings that may be suitable for siting of personal wireless service facilities under the provisions of RSA 12-K:10 which allows the siting of such facilities on any structure which is capable of structurally supporting the siting. This initiative will allow for potential complementary additions to the broadband infrastructure of the municipality through introduction of wireless broadband services, and add rental and tax revenue to the municipality.
2. Adopt policies governing the public rights-of-way for the installation of telecommunications facilities within those rights-of-way.
3. Adopt, outside of any cable franchise negotiations, a policy stating the basic municipal objectives sought through cable franchising (i.e. ubiquitous, cable plant extension, access programming service to public library and other public buildings).
4. Encourage the municipal planning board and ultimately the municipal legislative body to review and legislate wireless zoning in a manner which is consistent with municipal policy and values.
5. Consider drafting and adopting a comprehensive telecommunications ordinance stating the policies of the municipality governing the public rights-of-way, stating cable franchise policies, incorporating by reference the wireless telecommunications facilities ordinance adopted by the legislative body and stating the municipal policy promoting the siting of such facilities on municipal law, including a funding mechanism by which right-of-way fees, rental fees from wireless siting, and franchise fees from cable franchises could be reserved for use by the municipality to promote broadband infrastructure.
6. Consider the adoption of the report and recommendations of the Central New Hampshire Regional Broadband Plan.

MUNICIPAL PLANNING BOARD

1. Review the existing master plan to determine whether the master plan addresses the telecommunications infrastructure of the municipality, as required by RSA 674:2 (g).
2. To the extent the master plan does not address or adequately address telecommunications infrastructure, amend the master plan pursuant to RSA 674:4 and RSA 675:6 to include such a section and to incorporate by reference the findings and recommendations of Central New Hampshire Regional Broadband Plan.

LEGISLATIVE BODY

1. Adopt wireless zoning which promotes the deployment of wireless broadband services in a manner consistent with the siting values of the municipality;
2. Be prepared to approve the leasing of space on municipal buildings for the siting of Personal Wireless Service Facilities. If not already implemented and applicable, consider adopting the provisions of RSA 41:11-a to delegate to the Board of Selectmen the authority to lease municipal property.