

**Monday, June 24, 2024 6:30 PM**  
**Regular Session**  
**Dalton Select Board Meeting**

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Eric. Select Board members Jo Beth Dudley, Thomas Dubreuil (Tom), and Eric Moore were physically present. Town Admin, Jeanette Charon present and note taking.

Public attendees: Carol Sheltry, Michael Trudeau, Eric Pilotte, Diane Lyon, Pam Kathan, Vic St. Cyr, Jay Ennis, Kris Ennis, George Bell, Joe Dumas, Michael Ryan, Kurt Hall, Warren Green, Jennifer Green, Terri Parks, Robert Fountain, Cathleen Fountain, Tom Arrison, and videographer Emily Thompson as well as others who chose not to sign in and could not be identified.

The Board signed payroll and AP checks.

The Board executed one yield tax warrant, one intent to cut, and three cemetery deeds.

The Board reviewed the May 2024 bank reconciliations (except for the Sweep Account) along with May's transaction detail report.

Jo Beth motioned to approve the May 29, 2024 meeting minutes left over from the June 10, 2024 meeting. No second was provided. Tom and Eric provided no additional comments on proposed changes, as mentioned at the June 10, 2024 meeting. Tom abstained and Eric would not sign. The minutes will be posted in draft format for the record.

Draft minutes for the June 10, 2024 meeting were sent out late and the majority of the board did not review. They will be reviewed on July 8, 2024.

Employee retirement remains an open topic. Eric has his HR department at work (State of NH) helping with a comparison on NHRS and the retirement plan presented by Passumpsic Bank. Jo Beth asked why other financial advisors hadn't been asked to present comparable plans, so there could be a comparison of vendors, and she listed several other financial advisors to consider. The fees for the bank's retirement plan are very high and they only have a few municipal clients. The Board previously approved to enter the NHRS program. Jeanette stated it's almost July and we still have no retirement for the employees. Tom stated he has no paperwork. Jeanette stated he had the paperwork. Jo Beth reiterated that this was discussed in detail at town meeting in March as well as at the budget hearings, and that the Board should proceed with the NHRS. Eric asked what does it hurt will it be to wait two weeks? Jo Beth stated that we need to proceed quickly, as the NHSR Board only meets every other month. We missed the June Board meeting, and should submit the paperwork soon for Dalton to be considered at the August Board meeting.

Cathleen Fountain was present to provide an update for the Broadband Expansion work. She provided a new map and information (attached) along with an anticipated start of September 2024 for Dalton and Whitefield. Fidium Fiber anticipates completion of the broadband lines in November 2024. The next committee meeting is September 26, 2024. The committee praised Dalton for being one of the first to respond with their E911 letter; this helped the committee obtain information to make necessary plans for our area's installations.

The Building Committee has completed the bathroom renovations. The Boiler Room door will be painted by Ron Sheltry in the near future. The police room door and entry pad have not been addressed yet. The next meeting date for the committee will be late summer.

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The Dalton Picnic Area agreement arrived in today's mail. The Board executed the agreement based on previous meeting discussions and approvals. Nelson Property Management did not provide a price for mowing the space. Jo Beth reiterated that the area is supposed to be maintained by a volunteer committee. Tom had no update on the committee but said he could move forward now that we have the signed agreement. Tom asked about where people should park. It was agreed they should park at the Municipal Building or Fire Department. Michael Trudeau agreed to gather volunteers to install a fence at the top of the property so people could not pull into the space for parking. A "NO PARKING" sign will be purchased and placed along with a custom sign asking park users to park at the Municipal Building or the Fire Department. Jo Beth motioned for the signs to come from the town with an approximate cost of \$100. Eric provided a second with approval via roll call.

Jeanette asked about abating the taxes for this parcel (Dalton picnic area). Eric motioned to abate the taxes for the Dalton Picnic Area landowner. Jo Beth second with approval via roll call.

Tom had no update on the Transfer Station revenue and expense analysis.

No members had comments regarding the Select Board Rules of Procedure.

Turnkey and NCES are both nonresponsive to our request for tipping fee quotes.

Eric asked if Casella has rescheduled their presentation yet. Jeanette stated they did not. Tom asked about the other dates they provided us. Jeanette confirmed those had passed already and didn't work for Casella's schedule. Jo Beth motioned to post Casella's PowerPoint presentation online. Eric provided a second with approval via roll call.

Jeanette presented the Board with the letter she drafted to Vermont Rail Systems in support of the Twin States Rails to Trails Project. The Board approved sending the letter as drafted. Jo Beth motioned with Eric providing a second. Approval via roll call.

North Country Council's Solicitation for FY 2027-2036 Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Plan survey is due July 3, 2024. Board members along with Adam King were asked to provide ideas for submission. Jo Beth suggested promoting a bicycle/pedestrian path along State Roads 142 and 135. This helps promote safe space for recreation. While it would be nice to have this through town all the way to Whitefield, Littleton and Lancaster, Dalton would like to see it at least from the Dalton Public Boat Ramp (Route 135) to the Dalton Country Store at Bridge Hill Road. It would be nice to connect this trail to the Twin States Rails to Trails Project as well. Eric suggested a crosswalk be placed on State Road 135 at Bridge Hill Road where the school bus stop is located. Lastly, Jo Beth mentioned electric vehicle charging stations. These could be located at the Municipal Building and perhaps at the Dalton Country Store. Tom asked who would pay for the electricity. Jo Beth stated that the charging customers pay for the electricity with each charge. Jo Beth motioned to have Jeanette submit these three projects, and any that Adam King (Road Agent) may suggest. Tom asked for Adam's comments. Jeanette stated that he wasn't sure about any projects to currently submit (based on an earlier conversation with Adam); he may be too new to his position yet. Eric provided a second with approval via roll call.

Jo Beth motioned to proceed with preparation of an application for the Municipal Solar Grant application and obtaining a structural assessment of the roof. Tom is against the solar idea as he doesn't believe there will be a big enough savings for the town. He thinks it would be a waste of town money and there is no telling what future costs will be for batteries, repairs, replacements, etc. Jo Beth stated

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we weren't planning on getting batteries and storing power. Additionally, although the town would have to be reimbursed, the grant could cover 95% of the project cost. She noted that the upfront cost is quickly recovered by the electricity produced. Eric would like the figures. Tom asked if we decide to deny accepting the grant at the end, is that possible? Yes, accepting the grant can be denied if awarded. Eric provided a second with approval via roll call.

Jeanette asked the Board if "Committee Updates" could be added to the agendas. This allows for the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission Select Board liaisons to provide updates to the Select Board. Jo Beth motioned with Eric providing a second. Approval via roll call.

CN Brown sent an email regarding contract pricing for fuel oil and propane for the 2024/2025 winter season. Eric motioned to obtain competitive pricing for fuel oil and propane. Jo Beth provided a second with approval via roll call.

The Dalton Neighbors Group would like to purchase and have installed a Tillotson Park sign at the park the family donated to the town of Dalton. Jo Beth motioned for approval with Eric providing a second. Approval via roll call vote. Jeanette noted the Dalton Neighbors Group hopes to dedicate the sign to the family with a celebratory baseball game and hot dog cookout, if time and weather permits.

Public Comment:

Kristina Ennis made a statement about Rules of Order at Select Board Meeting. Beginning back on April 29, 2024, she asked the Chair, Eric Moore, about rules for making comments during meetings. He replied that comments should be held until the public comment period. However, there are residents who regularly shout out comments and questions, interrupting the board meeting, and getting the attention and answers they seek. There are residents who attend meetings who make denigrating remarks to others who are speaking, or have spoken, with no repercussion or attempt to squash the interruptions from the Chair. Kris asks the Chair to stop allowing the bad behavior and to regain and hold the order of all Select Board meetings going forward, so residents can speak their comments and ask their questions without worrying about being attacked by others in the audience.

Emily Thompson asked where the Speed Signs have been. She has not seen them out in a while. Jeanette states there was an issue with a battery that needs to be replaced. She must use her own personal tools to make the repair and she can't find the bit needed. Once the repair is made, they will be back out on the streets.

Eric motioned to go into nonpublic for legal and personnel reasons 7:50pm. Jo Beth provided a second with approval via roll call.

Eric motioned to re-enter public session at 8:56 pm. Jo Beth second with approval via roll call.

Jo Beth motioned to seal the minutes for all nonpublic sessions. Eric second with approval via roll call.

Eric motioned to adjourn meeting at 8:58 pm. Tom provided a second. Approved via roll call vote.

Minutes Respectfully submitted by Jeanette Charon.

Minutes Approved On: 7/22/24 (date)

Jo Beth Dudley

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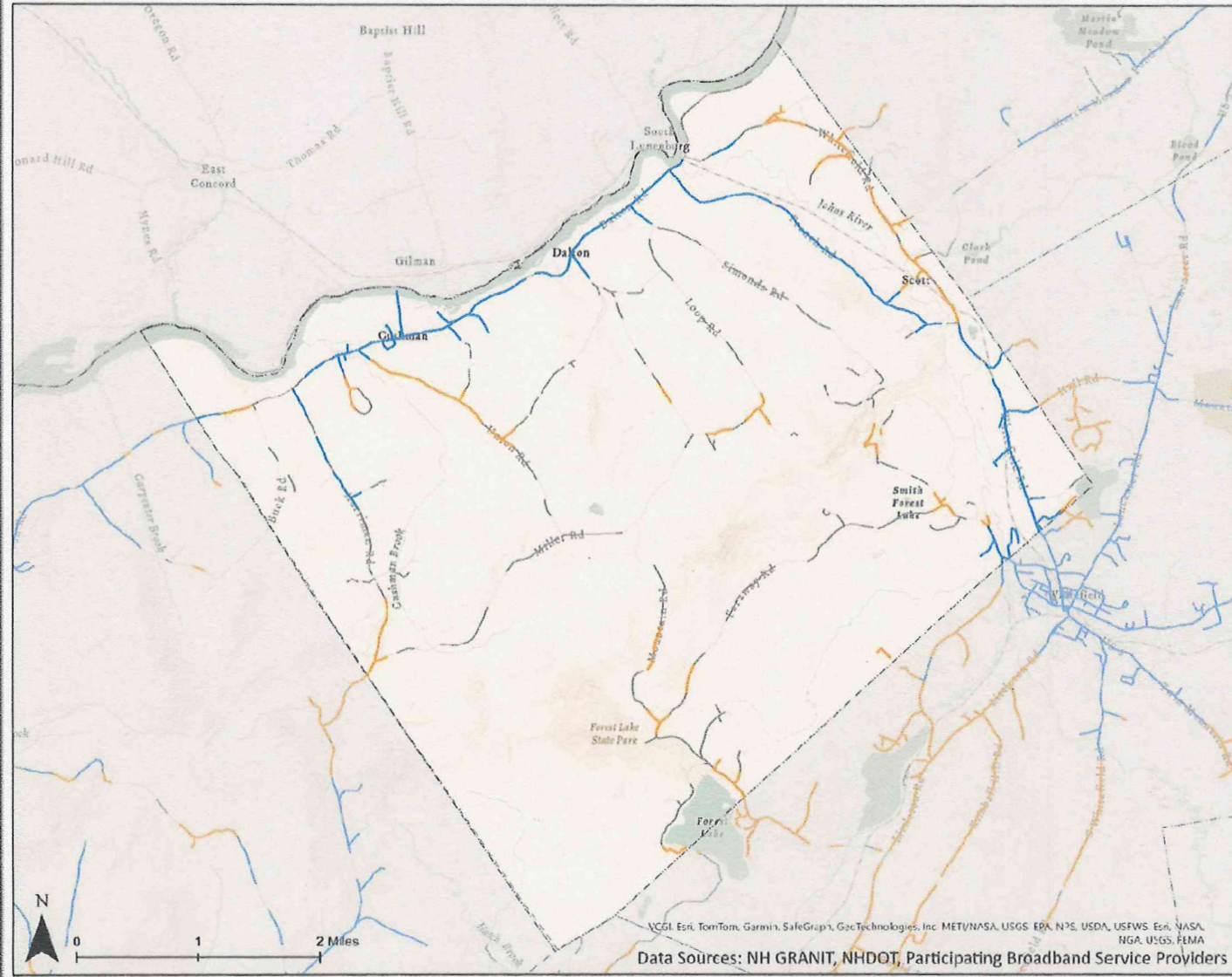
Thomas Dubreuil

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Eric Moore

# New Hampshire Broadband Mapping Initiative



## Town of Dalton, NH

This map depicts broadband service for the town of Dalton, NH. Broadband service categories are displayed using road segments to identify locations categorized as Served, Underserved, or Unserved. Served locations are defined by internet connections with downstream speeds of at least 100 Mbps and Upstream speeds of at least 20 Mbps. Underserved locations are defined by internet service slower than these speeds. All others are categorized as Unserved, including locations with only wireless or satellite service.

Summary data tables for the town include service category percentages, a list of providers currently offering service, and a list of available technology types. This map represents the second iteration of data collection for the NH-BMI. Participating service provider data are current as of June 30, 2023.

Unserved (%)	Underserved (%)	Served (%)
40.47	16.74	42.79

### Broadband Service Providers

Charter Communications Inc  
Consolidated Communications, Inc.

### Broadband Technologies

Cable  
DSL  
Fiber

### Service Category

- Unserved
- Underserved
- Served
- Municipal Boundaries



Date Created: January 2024

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## Town of Dalton, NH

This map depicts broadband service for the town of Dalton, NH. Broadband service is categorized as Served, Underserved, or Unserved. Served locations are defined by wired internet connections with downstream speeds of at least 100 Mbps and upstream speeds of at least 20 Mbps. Underserved locations are defined by internet service slower than these speeds. All others are categorized as Unserved, including locations with only wireless or satellite service. Road segments display the service category for adjacent address locations. Hexagons display the percentage of address locations classified as Served.

Summary data tables for the town include service category percentages, a list of providers currently offering service, and a list of available technology types. This map represents the third iteration of data collection for the NHBMI. Participating service provider data are current as of December 31, 2023.

Unserved (%)	Underserved (%)	Served (%)
28.06	4.03	67.91

### Broadband Service Providers

Consolidated Communications  
Spectrum

### Broadband Technologies

DSL  
Cable  
Fiber

### Service Category

- Unserved
- Underserved
- Served
- Municipal Boundaries
- CPF Broadband Infrastructure Investment Areas

### Percent Served

- 0 - 20
- 20 - 54
- 54 - 75
- 75 - 92
- 92 - 100

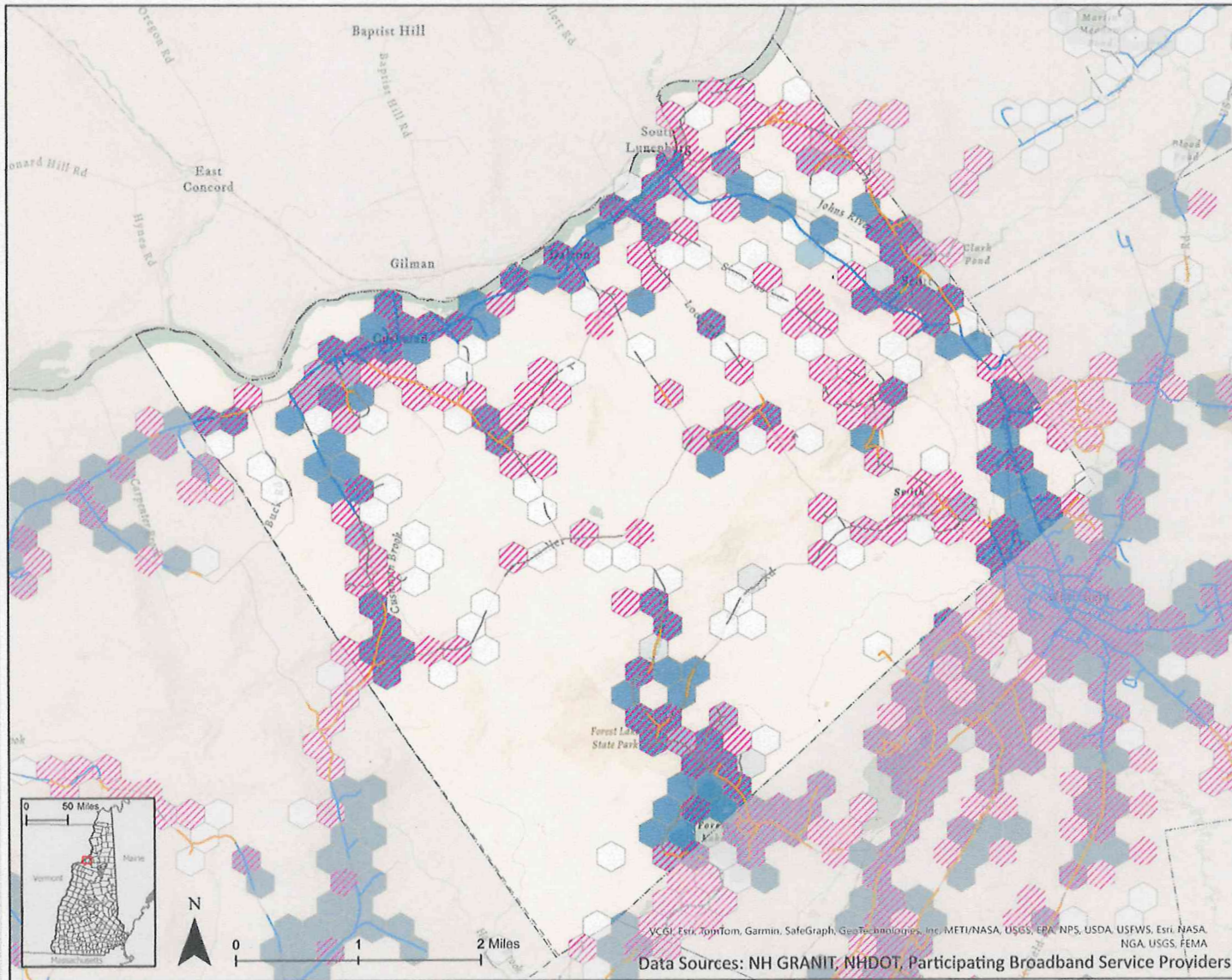
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MAPPING INITIATIVE



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VCGI, Esri, TomTom, Garmin, SafeGraph, GeoTechnologies, Inc., METI/NASA, USGS, EPA, NPS, USDA, USFWS, Esri, NASA, NGA, USGS, FEMA

Data Sources: NH GRANIT, NHDOT, Participating Broadband Service Providers

The definition of served is anything that is 100Mbps/20Mbps and above...

They do not consider Wireless (cell or fixed) a part of the mix when determining whether a location is served or not.

The E911 Data letter has been received, thank you. We are now maintaining data for any identified area of gaps in service. This would cover any new developments not yet reported to E911, addresses that are not showing up when pre-registering with CCI-Fidium at the following website address:

<https://www.fidiumfiber.com/fiber-internet-dalton-nh>

If you received our postcard in the mail, but have not tried to pre-register, please do. If your address doesn't show up, please reach out to Cathleen Fountain at (603) 837-9135.

[New Hampshire Broadband Mapping \(unh.edu\)](https://broadbandnh.sr.unh.edu/portal/apps/sites/#/new-hampshire-broadband-mapping/) website is as follows:

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With the current rate of work, the schedule has been updated with Construction to start September 2024 for Dalton & Whitefield. Estimated completion is mid November 2024.

**Carol Miller**, Director of Broadband Initiatives, National Collaborative for Digital Equity (NCDE), will be looking at scheduling up a time to come to a selectboard meeting soon.

The next scheduled meeting for the Coös County Broadband Committee will be September 26, 2024.