

## DUANESBURG BROADBAND COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 6:30 PM via Zoom in Town Hall

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 6:30 via Zoom in Town Hall

**In attendance:** Roger Tidball, John Ganther, Annabel Felton, Mary Ellen Houlihan, Katie O'Brien, Jan Greene, Ralph Catalano, Chet Boehlke, Jamilynne Myers, Brendan Mensing, Zack Butts, Jessica Singleton (Constituent Liaison to State Senator Michelle Hinchey)

### **Meet and Greet**

Jessica Singleton attended the meeting via Zoom and reported that Senator Hinchey is interested in expansion of rural broadband and that she is aware of the efforts of our Committee.

### **Brief History and Question and Answer Session**

A history of the Town's work, since 2014, to get broadband to all residents was provided by Roger Tidball with input from John Ganther and Annabel Felton. Annabel Felton reported that as of January 31, 2021 Charter claims to have completed 134,670 of the 145,000 passings required under its merger settlement agreement with the NY Public Service Commission, leaving only 10,330 passings to go. After a big project now underway by Charter/Spectrum to serve about 168 locations in town is complete, about 50 locations will likely remain unserved.

Updates were provided about construction along Thousand Acre Road and Creek Road. Roger will continue to follow up about service on Alexander Road. Ms. Singleton informed the group of Senator Hinchey's regular open office hours and suggested the Public Utility Law Project may be able to provide help with future efforts.

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