



## MEMORANDUM

To: Town wide distribution  
From: Jimmy Goodson  
Date: July 16, 2018  
Re: Broadband Committee

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The Town of Penobscot recently announced the formation of the Penobscot Broadband Committee. The Town is seeking experts to plan and engineer design for a broadband infrastructure to serve homes, businesses, and other buildings on the Penobscot Bay. A Request for Information has been sent out to find internet service providers or other partnering firms who wish to design a broadband network and who also have an interest in system implementation as a potential next phase. The Town of Penobscot, with generous assistance from the Island Institute, Rockland, has funding for the initial phase.

Residents of Castine, particularly those that live "off-neck" live w/ internet speeds that do not qualify as broadband (defined as 25 Mbps for downloads). The Town of Castine would like to put together a small working group of Castine residents (both full-time and summer) to interface with those in Penobscot who are designing a municipally owned fiber optic network. The goal is to understand how/ if residents and businesses in Castine would be able to benefit from a municipally owned fiber optic network that could provide us speeds in excess of 150 Mbps.

Please contact Town Hall if you would be interested in participating with Penobscot and let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks.