

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2022 UPDATES



NEW

WE'VE ADDED MORE SERVICE ADDRESSES!

WE'VE OPENED UP AN ADDITIONAL 90
RESIDENCES FOR SERVICE IN BOTH
CONCORD AND WATERFORD, THANKS TO
THE COMPLETION OF A PROJECT FUNDED BY
A USDA RURAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
GRANT! FIND OUT IF YOUR ADDRESS IS ONE
OF THEM BY VISITING
GET.NEKBROADBAND.ORG

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The NEK Community Broadband CUD will hold public hearings on Tuesday, November 15, and Tuesday, November 22, 2022. Both meetings will be held at 6:00 PM (EST) via Zoom. These hearings will be held for public review and comment on the Draft Annual Report and Proposed 2023 Budget in compliance with (30 V.S.A. Chapter 082, § 3075) of the Vermont Statutes for CUDs.

November 15, 6-6:30 p.m.

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87189719279 Meeting ID: 871 8971 9279 November 22, 6-6:30 p.m.

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THROUGHOUT THE NEK

BROADBAND DISTRICT.

482 OF OPEN SERVICE IS AVAILABLE AS OF OCTOBER 2022. ORDER NOW IN PARTS OF CONCORD, WATERFORD, AND LUNENBURG, VERMONT.

COMMUNITY UNITY

As a Communications Union
District (CUD), NEK Broadband is
governed by a board comprised
of a primary and alternate
appointee from each of our
member towns. On Oct. 22, we
were able to hold our first ever inperson Governing Board meeting!

Our Board members were joined by our telecom partners NRTC, Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom, Mission Broadband, Eustis Cable, and KK ROW to learn more about our build plans and how we work alongside each other, together.



WE'RE HIRING!

We are a fast-paced organization looking to fill the following positions:

Chief Financial Officer

The CFO will work collaboratively with the Executive Director, performing fiscal and strategic analysis and forecasting, and will serve as the treasurer of the organization. Experience with accounting for large federal and state grants is required. The CFO will review, establish, and maintain policies and procedures. The role of treasurer is a State of Vermont statutory position.

Executive Assistant

Responsibilities will range from providing staff with support, to assisting partners with projects, taking meeting minutes and more. Excellent writing and communication skills are a must. This role is hybrid, and will require some in-person work.

GIS Specialist and/or Project Manager

We're looking for candidates with either significant GIS mapping or project management experience.

Fiber Optic Technicians

In partnership with Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom (WCVT), we're seeking Fiber Optic Technicians to join our team, installing infrastructure in the field.

In-person, remote, or hybrid options may be available, and benefits are included.

To apply for any of these positions, send a resume and cover letter to careers@nekbroadband.org. Full job descriptions and more are available at nekbroadband.org/careers.

NEXT STEPS

NEK Broadband expects to bring new, high-speed internet to portions of 90% of the towns in the Northeast Kingdom over the next two years.

We are currently building the foundation, or "backbone" of the network. Once the backbone is complete, our next steps will be determined using objective criteria including grant-funding obligations, existing infrastructure within each town, and numbers of priority addresses as identified by the State of Vermont. Examples of priority addresses are those where school-aged children or people using telehealth services live.



ABOUT NEK BROADBAND

We are a Communications Union District (CUD), a municipal entity representing every town in Caledonia. Essex, and Orleans counties, plus Wolcott in Lamoille County. Our district is building high-speed broadband internet service for underserved communities in the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont.



