



Lancaster County Broadband Authority
Report to the Board of Supervisors
March 28, 2019

Complete minutes of the Broadband Authority's meetings are available but this report will update you on important items that are in process.

1. The Authority is waiting for notification of whether we have been selected for the Telecommunications Planning Grant we applied for in February. In anticipation of being selected, we are moving forward to schedule meetings with various County officials, as the terms of the grant will require us to do.
2. To assist the Board regarding renewal of the Atlantic Broadband franchise agreement, the Authority prepared an information request for Don Gill's signature. We have a partial response, but we have some questions and we are waiting for additional data. As soon as we have all the information, we will make it available to the Board together with our analysis.

The demand for service expansion by Atlantic Broadband remains high. Last fall, residents of the Eagle Landing community requested without success that service be brought to their neighborhood and we have recently become aware of another service request from a riverfront community that has not been answered. A spokesman for this community of 60 homes represents that it is only a mile from an existing connection point, and still has not been able to get service.

3. We continue to move ahead with our plans for community outreach through our website, another information piece for the Rappahannock Record, and making formal contact with our counterparts in Middlesex and other nearby jurisdictions.
4. We are also preparing to comment on Dominion Energy's plan to bring fiber to its substations, and perhaps make some excess capacity available to local providers. Last fall we made an informal request to Dominion to include excess fiber for public use in its underwater conduit adjacent to the Norris Bridge. Dominion refused that request, indicating that the conduit was already fully utilized.