

March 26, 2025

Joint meeting of Franconia and Sugar Hill Broadband Committees with Carol Miller, consultant, and representatives from Fidium Fiber and NH Broadband via Microsoft Teams.

The Franconia and Sugar Hill Broadband Committee discussed the progress of the fiber distribution project. Jeff MacIver, Fidium, reported that 90% of fiber placement and 66% of splicing are complete, with two distribution hubs going live on April 23 and the rest on April 30. The project includes five distribution hubs serving both towns. Jeff confirmed that all homes signed up for the ARPA grant and those passed by the construction will have access by April 30. Issues were raised about connectivity on South Road in Sugar Hill and other specific addresses, which Jeff promised to address. The committee also discussed public outreach strategies.

Josh from NH Broadband stated that Sugar Hill fiber installation has been complete since last summer but only about 30% of their customers have signed up.

Grafton County Broadband has received all necessary permitting and should be built out in late spring or early summer.

Installation of fiber to the home is a four-step process:

Fiber installed along the road, splicing, fiber to house, installation inside the home.

Respectfully submitted,

Margo Connors, Sugar Hill Committee Member