

ANNUAL REPORT



SEPTEMBER 2024

CARROLL COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT

Executive Committee (08/2023-10/2025)

Chair: Linda Mailhot, Freedom

Vice Chair: Pam Hearne, Tamworth

Treasurer: Sherryl Hitte, Tamworth

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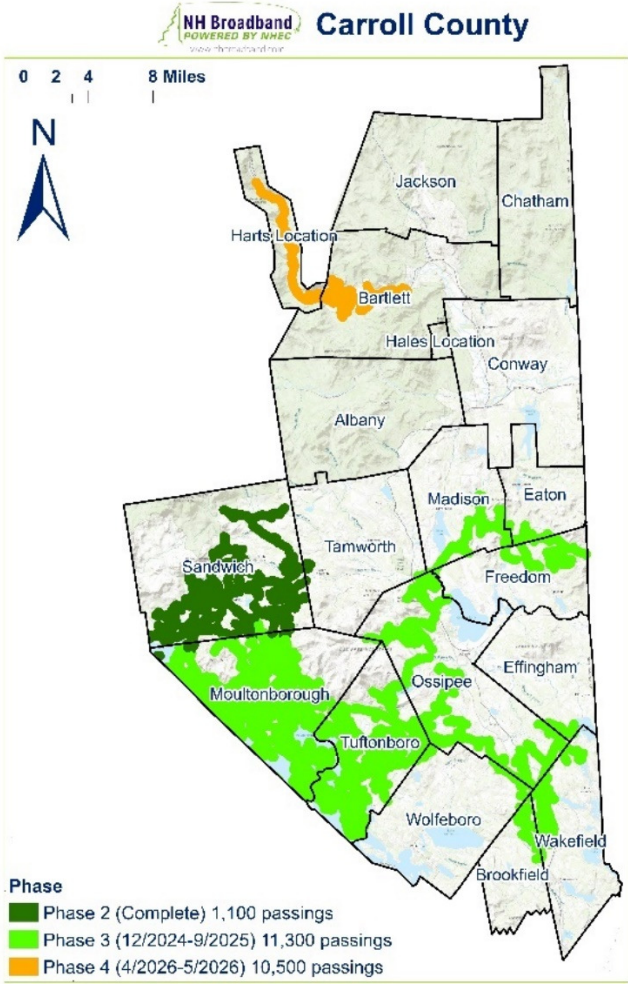
1. Chairman’s Letter

The Carroll County Communications District (CCCD) was formed in 2023 as the first-ever Communications District in the State of New Hampshire. All 16 towns in Carroll County that participated in the planning process voted successfully to be part of this historic Communications District. This would not have been possible without the hard work and efforts of all the Representatives of those 16 towns.

High speed broadband internet has been demonstrated to be a necessity in today’s world, and it certainly is a non-partisan issue. Legislation has been passed to start closing the gap of those residences and businesses that qualify as unserved and underserved.

Tens of millions of dollars in grants have been awarded in NH to internet service providers over the past couple of years, and efforts are currently underway in Carroll County by both CCI/Fidium as well as the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative. With regard to Carroll County, the most recent updates from NH Broadband (NHEC) as well as CCI/Fidium are as follows:

- NH Broadband provided the following infographic update:



- CCI/Fidium reports that the Moultonborough Wire Center was completed in May 2024 and included 218 grant addresses. The Center Harbor Wire Center was completed mid-July 2024 and consisted of 338 grant addresses. The Madison Wire Center was completed at the end of July and included 616 grant addresses. The Ossipee Wire Center is currently targeted to start construction in October 2024 and scheduled to be completed in Q1 2025. This build includes the towns of Ossipee, Effingham, Tuftonboro, and Freedom (weather permitting). The Tamworth Wire Center and Town of Tamworth is currently targeted to start construction in December 2024 and scheduled to be completed in Q1 2025 (weather permitting). The Chatham Wire Center and Town of Chatham is currently targeted to start in Q1 and complete in Q2 2025 (weather permitting).

As the District Agreement states, the CCCD shall encourage, facilitate, and promote the establishment of state-of-the-art symmetrical high speed broadband internet connectivity and service to every residence and business within Carroll County NH, working cooperatively with or in partnership with existing internet service providers through formal or informal agreement when possible.

Much has been done, but there is lots more to do. Many thanks to the Executive Committee, the representatives from the member Towns, and the Carroll County Commissioners for all that you have done and continue to do in support of the CCCD!

Regards,

Linda Mailhot

Linda Mailhot, Chair

2. Organization Overview

The CCCD was organized in 2023 as provided by NH RSA 53-G. Meetings are currently held quarterly or more frequently as needed. The District members are the 16 Towns of Albany, Bartlett, Brookfield, Chatham, Conway, Eaton, Effingham, Freedom, Hale’s Location, Hart’s Location, Jackson, Madison, Moultonborough, Ossipee, Tamworth, and Tuftonboro. The CCCD Governing Board is composed of unpaid Representatives appointed by the Select Boards of the Member Towns. The Governing Board elects an Executive Committee comprised of a Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary on a bi-annual basis. The current Representatives to the District are:

Rick Hiland	ALBANY
Jason Garber	BARTLETT
Vicki Garland - Alt.	BARTLETT
Marshall Goldberg	BROOKFIELD
Stephen Berry - Alt.	BROOKFIELD
Bert Weiss	CHATHAM
TBD	CONWAY
John Border	EATON
Stanley Dudrick - Alt.	EATON
Chuck Fuller	EFFINGHAM
Rich Comer - Alt.	EFFINGHAM
Linda Mailhot	FREEDOM
Melissa Florio - Alt.	FREEDOM
Ben Klaus	HALES LOC
William Houk - Alt.	HALES LOC
John Gallagher	HARTS LOC
David Walker - Alt.	HARTS LOC
Frank DiFruscio	JACKSON
William Terry - Alt.	JACKSON
Bill Lord	MADISON
Jay Buckley - Alt.	MADISON
Bill Gassman	MOULTONBORO
Jean Beadle - Alt.	MOULTONBORO
Matt Sawyer	OSSIPEE
Matt Trahan - Alt.	OSSIPEE
Sherryl Hitte	TAMWORTH
Pam Hearne - Alt	TAMWORTH
Bob Murray	TUFTONBORO

3. Fiscal Information

The CCCD fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30. The CCCD operates with one bank account. The beginning balance for FY2025 was \$15,001.18. Expenses to date for FY2025 total \$1,300.00. There are no encumbrances. The unencumbered balance is \$13,701.18 as reported below in the most current Treasurer’s Report below.

We are required to have an annual audit, per our District Agreement. The FY2024 audit was performed by Plodzick & Sanderson, P.A. The draft financial statements are below. The final statements are expected a few days from this publication, which must be distributed no later than September 30th per the District Agreement.



Treasurers Report

Dates Covered: August 1, 2024 thru August 30, 2024

Beginning Balance as of 8/1/24	\$13,701.18
Income:	
Total Income	\$ 0.00
Expenses:	
Total Expenses	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance 8/30/24	\$13,701.18

Respectfully submitted,

Sherryl Hitte
Treasurer



Carroll County Communications District



Budget

FY2025

Revenues:

Cash on Hand	\$13,701.18
Total Revenues:	\$13,701.18

Expenses:

Bank Service Charges	\$ 50.00
Internet Hosting & Domain Fees	\$ 115.00
Insurance	\$ 1,300.00
Legal	\$ 500.00
Advertising	\$ 200.00
Annual Audit	\$ 3,250.00
PO Box Rental	\$ 70.00
Postage	\$ 10.00
Printing Costs	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
Total Expenses:	\$ 5,595.00

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EXHIBIT A
CARROLL COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2024

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 15,001
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Unavailable revenue - grants	14,901
NET POSITION	
Unrestricted	100
Total net position	<u>\$ 100</u>

The Notes to the Basic Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

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EXHIBIT B
CARROLL COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
Statement of Activities
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Expenses	Program Revenues Operating Grants and Contributions	Net (Expense) Revenue and Change In Net Position
General government	\$ 657	\$ 657	\$ -
General revenues:			
Miscellaneous			100
Change in net position			100
Net position, beginning			-
Net position, ending			\$ 100

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EXHIBIT C-1
CARROLL COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
Governmental Fund
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2024

	General Fund
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$ 15,001</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Unavailable revenue - Grant receipts prior to eligible expenditures	<u>\$ 14,901</u>
FUND BALANCE	
Unassigned	<u>100</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources and fund balance	<u>\$ 15,001</u>

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EXHIBIT C-2

CARROLL COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT

Governmental Fund

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

	General Fund
REVENUES	
Intergovernmental - State grants	\$ 657
Miscellaneous	100
Total revenues	<u>757</u>
EXPENDITURES	
General government	<u>657</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	100
Fund balance, beginning	-
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$ 100</u>

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4. Historical Outline

- Fall 2018 – Steve Knox & Rick Hiland first discuss high speed fiber optic internet for rural Carroll County
- June 2019 - Carroll County Broadband Committee officially formed
- November 2021 – Carroll County Fiber Broadband feasibility study completed
- March 2022 – Carroll County Communications District Planning Committee formed to explore the possibility of establishing a Communications District per NH RSA 53-G
- March 2023 – Carroll County Communications District officially formed when multiple Towns in Carroll County vote on the warrant article to join the Communications District
- May 2023 – Final Town involved in planning process votes to join the Carroll County Communications District (CCCD)
- June 2023 – Inaugural meeting of the CCCD
- July 2023 Through July 2024 – CCCD met 9 times and featured 7 different guest speakers including representatives from the New Hampshire Department of Business and Economic Affairs, New Hampshire Broadband (New Hampshire Electric Co-op), Consolidated Communications, National Collaborative for Digital Equity, Spectrum, GWI, National Telecommunications & Information Administration