

Mission Statement
Copake Broadband Committee

The 2011 Town of Copake Comprehensive Plan specifically calls for the development of competitive high speed internet:

An excellent telecommunications infrastructure will be critical to establishing Copake as a competitive business location. In addition to high speed infrastructure for email and entertainment, the community needs to plan for other forms of e-commerce as well as advanced services such as distance learning and telemedicine". pg 33

Action: Develop modern telecommunications for residents, businesses, and emergency service providers, including cellular and high speed data, wireless internet, cable and satellite television and entertainment, that are sited in such a way as to have minimal or no impact on scenic resources. pg 34

The Copake Broadband Committee seeks to implement this directive in concert with Governor Cuomo's broadband initiative for New York State.

Accordingly, the purpose of the Copake Broadband Committee will be to collect all relevant data regarding all forms of telecommunications in our town. This should include cable franchise agreements, "as built" maps of all installations, Internet service providers both wired and unwired, telephone companies and utility companies that own and/or control utility pole real estate.

Special note should be taken to designate unserved or poorly served areas of each town.

The Copake Broadband Committee will serve as a liaison between the town, county, state, and community members for sharing important and relevant information needed to facilitate and expedite our common goal of bringing affordable, reliable and truly high speed broadband to every business and household in our town.

The committee will also serve as a resource for the Copake Town Board when negotiating franchise agreements and lobbying state and federal agencies for grant opportunities.

The committee shall comprise five to seven members who possess a strong interest in the Committee's mission, as well as basic knowledge and experience in broadband technology.

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