

July 22, 2016

Nancy Allen, Chair
Town of Petersham Selectboard
3 South Main Street
P.O. Box 486
Petersham, MA 01366

Dear Chairwoman Allen,

I would like to offer my support, on behalf of the Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce, for the Town of Petersham and their request for grant assistance from the Massachusetts Broadband Institute.

Having recently commissioned a study regarding the need for fiber connectivity in the City of Worcester we are keenly aware of the need for faster internet access. Our study showed that upgrades to the City's current fiber infrastructure would dramatically improve the current residential and business climate for internet connectivity. Further it also stated that improved infrastructure creates a marketing opportunity to help attract new businesses and residents.


Respecting that Worcester and Petersham are different in population and landscape they are both communities looking to provide exemplary services to current residents and businesses, as well as attracting others who wish to locate there. Bringing enhanced and reliable broadband service to the Town of Petersham will improve the services provided to residents; and further will create a more robust business environment.

In helping to strengthen Petersham you will also strengthen the region. Many local companies will benefit from the comprehensive build-out the town has planned under this project. I am sure many of the equipment and subcontract services needed to complete this build-out will be sourced locally. And those companies traveling from outside of the region to assist in this project will be staying at local hotels, while eating and shopping at local establishments.

I would like to offer, on behalf of the Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce, our support for your grant application to the Massachusetts Broadband Institute.

I thank you for your time and wish you well in your endeavor to provide enhanced internet service to the Town of Petersham.

Sincerely,


Timothy P. Murray
President and CEO

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