**Broadband Survey**

 The state of Vermont has a Broadband Innovation Grant (BIG) that will fund a project to assess the need and implement detailed plans to bring broadband to Windham County where it is not currently available. It is fiber optic broadband with speeds up to 100 MPS. It costs the town tax payer nothing and the build out will be paid for by bonds and private funds. There is no downside for the town residents. Homes that a have broadband on the street usually sell for 3% more and 5% if installed in the home.

 In order to be part of this project our town (and adjacent interested towns) needs to have home owners submit a survey by March 17th, 2020. This can be done online at [www.windhamregional.org/broadband](http://www.windhamregional.org/broadband). Hand written forms will be available at the town hall and at the town meeting on March 3rd. It is preferred the form be done online.

Please spread the word. If you have cable broadband now please fill out the survey. A town that has broadband everywhere will benefit us all.

Thank you,

David Cherry

Town Representative for Windham County Broadband

[If you have already received this notice, please know that it is **extremely important that you complete the survey at:** <http://www.windhamregional.org/broadband> . Even if you already have fiber optic cable available in your area of Windham, please complete the survey. The entire town would benefit greatly by having the upload and download speed of fiber optic. Currently, only the northern section of town has this option. If you live south of the Meeting House, only DSL is available, which besides much slower speeds, there is no cable TV service available, only satellite. So even if you have no plans to subscribe to a fiber optic service, please help your neighbors have this option. **It is important that the survey be submitted by March 17**. Second home owners’ voices need to be heard as well as residents. ]