



## Town of Sedgwick

### Broadband Communications Committee (BCC)

#### ***Are you happy with your internet speed?***

If not,

#### **Help Us Improve Broadband Coverage!**

Mapping broadband service identifies where broadband service is available and it helps grant applicants identify potentially unserved areas. The ConnectMaine Authority is asking Mainers to take a speed test through a project of the Maine Broadband Coalition (MBC).

The MBC is a network of public policy wonks, educational advocates, businesses, non-profit organizations, government agencies, and individuals who care deeply about Maine's digital future. Submitting this information allows ConnectMaine to improve their understanding of the broadband service in Maine.

Many rural areas of Maine are underserved or not served by Broadband. Some areas have no terrestrial (wired) Internet at all. ISP electronics are at capacity, distances are too far, there may be no provider in the area, wiring is outdated and not designed to optimally support residents and businesses.

***Take the speed test now to help define and advance broadband infrastructure improvement within the Town of Sedgwick and across the Blue Hill peninsula.***

<https://www.mainebroadbandcoalition.org/>

#### **ConnectMaine Authority**

The ConnectMaine Authority conducts rulemaking to incorporate statutory changes made by the state legislature. A rulemaking process has begun for the Act To Encourage the Development of Broadband Coverage in Rural Maine. ConnectMaine

ConnectMaine Authority seeks grant applications to plan and expand the availability of broadband service in the state. In July, Maine voters approved a state bond of \$15 million toward expanding the availability of broadband service in the state. ConnectMaine anticipates awarding about half of the bond funds at this time, toward projects that generate significant public benefit.

The state has set a goal to contribute 25% of the total cost of expanding the availability of broadband, to connect 95% of potential subscriber locations by 2025.

***The Town of Sedgwick believes in the power of community driven broadband planning and multi-organizational collaboration to enable a future of reliable, accessible, and affordable high-speed internet for everyone. We welcome one and all to this effort.***

<https://www.sedgwickbroadband.org/>