



# DUBLIN BROADBAND COMMITTEE

## *2/3 Vote Required at Town Meeting March 14th*

### **WHY OUR TOWN NEEDS BROADBAND**

- Educational needs (VLACS, Online Universities, Webinars)
- Small/Home business (websites)
- Telecommuting
- Medical (telemedicine)
- Recreation (Gaming, 4K TV)
- Attracting families to our community
- Resale values of homes

### **PROCESS**

- Five proposals were received.
- Consolidated Communications, Inc. (CCI) proposed solution yields the least financial risk and the most affordable solution.
- Existing CCI pole ownership and customer connections limit the total cost and expedites the buildout process.

### ***COMMITTEE TIMELINE***

- *2016 Broadband Committee Created*
- *2017 Funding For Study*
- *2019 Study results presented at Town Meeting*
- *2019 RFP Issued - required complete town coverage with symmetrical speeds of up to 1 gig*
- *2019 Proposals Reviewed, Consolidated Communications, Inc. (CCI) selected*
- *2020 Bond presented at Town Meeting*



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## THE NETWORK

- The network is a fiber-to-the-premise buildout for ALL Dublin properties with the availability of up to 1 gigabit per second symmetrical speeds.
- Fiber is consistently more reliable than the aging copper lines.
- Existing customer connections will also be upgraded.
- With very little exception, CCI will provide physical hookup to homes at no cost if done during project construction.

## TOWN MEETING

- Bond funding requires a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote in favor at Town Meeting.
- The funding model repays the bond with fees charged to subscribers (**the bond is not funded by property taxes**).
- Town's portion of this to be bonded is \$1,286,525 and is approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the total cost of the project with CCI funding the remainder.
- No impact on taxes. Bond to be paid by CCI through an access fee not to exceed \$11.50 monthly.
- One town has already done this (Chesterfield), and 5 more (including Dublin) are aiming for 2020.

**Town Meeting, Saturday, March 14th at 9:00am  
at the Dublin Consolidated School**