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Greetings friends! The money is (maybe) going to start flowing

Another timely news article, kindly sent in PDF form by Kathy Bonk, a member of your broadband committee. *[news article link: "Flush with Cash, Mills Touts Plan to Expand Broadband" by Peter McGuire, Portland Press Herald, 4-27-21]*

Kathy suggests, and I concur, that it would be a good idea for as many as possible to contact our State representatives to encourage support of this bill. I sent email to the two listed sponsors at these addresses:

[Richard.Bennett@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Richard.Bennett@legislature.maine.gov)

[Seth.Berry@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Seth.Berry@legislature.maine.gov)

and also to Sarah Pebworth (our representative) [sapebworth@gmail.com](mailto:sapebworth@gmail.com)

and Louis Luchini (our senator) at [louis.luchini@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:louis.luchini@legislature.maine.gov)

( if you have a better address for him please let me know.)

Work continues. Most recently we are working with a group of neighboring towns to consider hiring a consultant to steer us through the new funding opportunities, and what these opportunities may mean for accelerating broadband development sooner than the 6 to 10 year buildout contemplated by CCI. We've also alerted the Comprehensive plan committee that (obviously) better broadband will make Brooksville an even more attractive place for people to live, which has implications for planning. Times are changing.

Stay tuned! Your input is always welcome and valued.