

Arrowsic Broad Band May 2023 Update

The Arrowsic Broadband Authority (ABA) has been making progress in bringing fiber-based high-speed internet to the island. Below is a status update on the current effort.

1) New Funding

- a. The Town of Arrowsic and the ABA have been awarded a \$996,912 grant from the Maine Connectivity Authority (MCA). Unlike the previous funding source from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), the grant does not have to be repaid.

- b. The grant and a generous local donation will cover the cost of installing the fiber optic broadband system allowing the ABA to provide services at a more economical rate.

2) When?

The ABA/Town and MCA are currently working on the award contract details. We must wait until the MCA contract is signed before executing an agreement with the ISP Provider and fiber installer. The Town lawyers and MCA will meet later this month to review aspects of the contract.

Central Maine Power (CMP) and CCI Utilities Services (CCI) are still preparing the utility poles for installation.

To improve communications with the community, the ABA will provide regular updates.