On Tuesday, March 3, 2020, 7:51 AM, Bockelman, Paul <bookelmanp@amherstma.gov> wrote:

Good morning,

Nice seeing you yesterday, Karen.

As I mentioned, the Town of Amherst is preparing to run new Intra-Net fiber throughout the Town to connect municipal buildings and facilities. We are doing this because Comcast is going to stop supporting and will abandon the existing fiber we use currently. This came about as part of our negotiations with Comcast several years ago.

As we prepare to connect our buildings, we are exploring the option of connecting the Centennial Water Treatment facility and the emergency tower on Mount Lincoln.

We believe there could be cost savings to the Town of Pelham – in reduced telephone line charges – if you chose to join in on this project. Specifically, it is my understanding that you could provide fiber to the Pelham Elementary School and to your emergency communications equipment on Mount Lincoln.

We will need to know if you are interested in the very near future as we are under a contractual deadline per our agreement with Comcast.

The next steps for you, I believe, would be to determine what you are currently paying for landlines to service your buildings and equipment, including the Pelham Elementary School. The Superintendent of Schools is aware of this and believes this would provide other benefits, in addition to cost savings, for the Town.

Next, we would like to know who in the Town of Pelham would be the point person to have this conversation.

Thanks, in advance. Please let me know how we can help as you begin to think about this.

Thanks.

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