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## Want much faster and more widely available Internet in Cummington?

Town-owned WiredWest Cooperative is building a fast fiber optic network to serve every home and business with Internet, Phone, and TV. If we act now, the state has offered 40% of the funding (\$830,000 for Cummington!). This publicly owned, world-class, professionally run network will keep our money in the local economy and focus on access and service, not profits. We need your help now to make this long-awaited critical infrastructure happen in Cummington!

**Join the 40%                      Sign Up! -for service**  
**Show Up! -for town meeting**

1. At least 40% of households must commit to being a future customer by signing up and making a refundable \$49 deposit.
2. May 1st, 7pm, Town Meeting needs a 2/3 vote to authorize up to \$1.4M in long term debt to build the network (most or all of this should be reimbursed by WiredWest).
3. May 11th Town Ballot vote to approve a debt exclusion for the project costs.

We need YOU to pull together now for Cummington's future. Your support of this town-owned infrastructure project helps us cross over the digital divide that has long plagued our town and its residents, including dozens of self-employed, home-based businesses, would-be telecommuters, and all of our schoolchildren. Your vote and a \$49 refundable deposit shows our commitment and helps make this happen.

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### Q: Why Now?

A: State grants of up to 40% of the project costs are available if we act NOW. That is \$830,000 for Cummington!

### Q: My \$49 deposit is refundable?

A: Your deposit is fully refundable if your circumstances change or the town decides not to move forward, you will get your money back!

### Q: What will it cost to build?

A: If we act now and voters authorize Cummington to borrow no more than \$1,400,000 for construction over the next 4-5 years, the state will pay \$830,000 to help build Cummington's portion of the fiber optic network. Nothing will be borrowed until after FY2016. Wired West's financial model is designed for internet subscribers to eventually pay back the town's debt.

Effect on tax rates will be discussed at the info meeting on Sunday, 4/26/15 at 8:30 at the Community House.

After 2022: Best case scenario: If we have at least 40% of the town households subscribing to internet, we estimate a tax reduction and WiredWest plans to reimburse towns for entire debt payments during this time.

Most-likely scenario: If we have less than 40% of households subscribing, the network at least reimburses town for all debt payments.

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### Q: Once we have a fiber optic network, what will it cost me for broadband service?

A: \$49/month for 25Mbps Internet (Fast enough for 5 Netflix HD streams!)

Not fast enough? \$79/month for 100Mbps or \$109/month for 1000Mbps.

\$25/month unlimited phone, TV pricing competitive with satellite with more flexible plans.

At most \$1-\$2 in federal and state excise taxes. No other monthly fees.

Free installation first 750' from the road. Easy payment plans for longer distance installs.

One-time new account fee to connect to network will be under \$100 and can be paid over several months. These are the actual prices, not an introductory offer that will go up after a year.

## NO SURPRISES, NO SMALL PRINT

**Sign-up now at**  
**<http://register.wiredwest.net>**