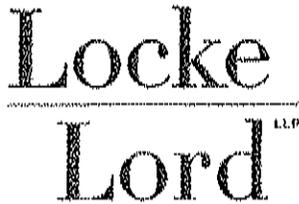


Colrain Broadband Update #3

Here is a brief summary of recent activity in the on-going effort to bring high speed internet to colrain

- **9/19/16** the Last-Mile Advisory Committee held its first meeting at which Fran Ryan was chosen as Chairman
- **10/17/16** Next meeting of the Last-Mile Advisory Committee – 7PM-Colrain Town Office – Public encouraged to attend
- **9/28/16** Colrain is issued a “Green Light” letter from Bond Counsel Locke Lord (see below link) This was the last item required by The Mass. Department of Local services in order to provide its approval of Colrain’s “Readiness” application.
- **9/28/16** DLS completes its review of the Town’s readiness application and provides approval. This will allow the Town to sign the MOU- Memorandum of Understanding with MBI to begin the pole count process; a key milestone.



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September 28, 2016

Abby Jeffers, Vice President
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Dear Abby:

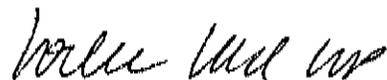
(Town of Colrain Telecommunications Bonds)

We are now ready to approve the issue of the following bonds by the Town of Colrain, Massachusetts:

\$2,400,000 Telecommunications System Bonds, payable within 20 years from their dates under G.L. c.44, §8(8) and a vote of the Town passed May 5, 2015 (Article 52), and excluded from the limitations of Proposition 2 ½ (so-called) by a vote of the Town passed May 5, 2015 (Ballot Question 3)

The rendering of our opinion is dependent upon appropriate confirmation of all our previously stated assumptions and on receipt of the usual papers relating to the sale and delivery of the bonds.

Although we take no responsibility for the accuracy or adequacy of the offering material for the bonds, or for notes issued in anticipation of the bonds, we request the opportunity to see a draft of the notice of sale and accompanying financial and descriptive information concerning the bonds, or for notes issued in anticipation of the bonds, substantially prior to its publication or distribution to prospective bidders for the bonds or notes.


LOCKE LORD LLP

cc: William Arrigal, Bureau of Accounts

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MA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

Michael J. Heffernan
Commissioner of Revenue

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Senior Deputy Commissioner

September 28, 2016

Dave Charbonneau
Technical Director
Massachusetts Broadband Institute
75 North Drive
Westborough, MA 01581

Dear Dave:

This Division of Local Services (DLS) has completed its review of Colrain's Readiness Evaluation application and approves Section 3. I also note that the "greenlight letter" from bond counsel has been received.

Sincerely,

Sean Cronin
Senior Deputy Commissioner for Local Services

Cc: MJ Handy, Director of Accounts, Division of Local Services

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