

*The Midcoast Internet Coalition (MIC) meeting streamed from and recorded by The Town of Camden, including LiveStream, Broadcast on Town of Camden YouTube Channel.*

**Midcoast Internet Coalition Meeting  
September 8th, 2021, 5:00 p.m.**

**Zoom:  
AGENDA**

**1. Call to Order**

**Participants:**

Chair: Debra Hall (Rockport); Vice Chair: Matt Siegel (Camden)

Representatives:

Camden: Marc Ratner (SB), Jeremy Martin (Planning Director), Lisa Sheprow

Cushing: Craig Currie (SB)

Hope: Sarah Ann Smith (SB), Brian Powers (SB), Melissa Foster Hall

Lincolnton: Josh Gerritsen (SB), Jordan Barnett-Parker (SB), Steve Koltai

Northport: Shelley Patten (SB), Jamie Ritter, Ann Frenning Kossuth, Brady Brim-DeForest

Owls Head: TBD (SB), Jacob Post, Jason Philbrook, Kim Slawson

Rockland: Ben Dorr (City Council), Nathan Davis (CC), Tom Luttrell, City Manager

Rockport: Denise Munger (SB), John Strand (SB)

South Thomaston: Walter Reitz (SB rep), Cliff Dacso, Lynne Canavan, Anne Just

Thomaston: Zel Bowman-LeBerge(SB) , Diane Giese (SB), Brian Doyle (Econ Dev Director)

Union: Adam Fuller (SB), John Gibbons

**Invited Guests:** (September 2021)

Brooksville: Abbie McMillen

Isle au Haut: Charlie Hopkins

Peninsula Broadband Coalition: Donna Beninati, Jerry Wetterskog, John Czuj

Searsmont: Peter Milinazzo (SB), Chris Halsted

Southwestern Waldo County: Bob Kurak (SB)

St George: Jeff Boulet(BB)

Vinalhaven: Gabe McPhail, Jan Ann Sherman, Matt Jablonski (Island Institute)

Western Kennebec Lakes: Joe Young, Kathryn Woodsum, Eric Dyer

Wiscasset/Lincoln County Broadband: Carla Dickstein

Camden National Bank: Steve Matteo

Knox County: Leticia Van Vuuren

**2. Action Item – Motion to Approve August 11th, 2021 Minutes –**

Attached are the draft August 11th, 2021 minutes

**3. Report by Leadership Team–**

- Shifting regional strategy: Facing the fiber vs fiber from Otelco
- The Rockport Broadband Pathway Project, application submitted for \$750,000

- Designing a first phase “pathway” project to unserved and underserved
  - EDA grant application underway
- 4. MIDC Regional Utility – Update and discussion Items**
- Camden, Rockport signed on as charter municipalities.
  - Thomaston and Rockland pending Rockland 9-13-21 City Council meeting
- 5. Axiom Technologies planning study / network design – Discussion**
- AXIOM, Phase One – underway, initial payments made directly to Axiom from participating towns.
  - End of August/early Sept first data for preliminary review/revision for Rockport, used for Knox County ARPA application
  - Report/study of network design, rough costs, pro-forma financial statement outstanding and needed for EDA grant application
- 6. Project Funding – Updates and discussion**
- Seed Money Strategies (Rockport muni funds, Knox County, EDA regional grant, private donations work underway)
- 7. MIC Community and Regional – Updates**
- MIC member towns and guests are asked to update the MIC on their broadband activities.
- 8. New business / Adjournment**

**Please note: Future / Regular Meetings for 2021**

The group set future meetings for the second Wednesday of each month at 5 p.m. as follows:  
Oct 13<sup>th</sup> Nov 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 8<sup>th</sup>