



## Town of Wallingford, Connecticut

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### MEMO

To: Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr.

Cc: Deborah McKiernan, Town Clerk

From: Rob Baltramaitis - DPW

Date: April 26, 2022

**RE: Internet Connectivity for Council Chambers**

Dear Mayor,

I wanted to provide you with a quick status update on the project to install high-speed internet access for use in Council Chambers for Town Councilors:

I have established contact with a Frontier representative to initiate the process. Frontier provides our current telephone services into the Town Hall building at 45 South Main Street. Frontier has confirmed that they have the dedicated fiber with symmetrical speeds available at this location.

Frontier has proposed pricing to install the wiring into the building and provide the high-speed internet service. While many data transfer speeds are available, I confirmed with Mr. Chris Lucht that 100-200 Mbps will suffice. I am looking to provide the higher end of this range (200 Mbps).

It is cost effective to have a multi-year service agreement as the annual cost lessens for each additional year of committed service. I have asked Frontier to provide a multi-year service agreement to the Town to be reviewed by the Purchasing Department; I am awaiting that agreement and the subsequent review. Provided the agreement language includes a "Non-appropriation clause", Purchasing will likely agree to a multi-year service contract.

Once the service is brought into the building, the wiring will need to be extended into the Council Chambers. This will be a coordinated effort between DPW and Mr. Lucht. The wire will terminate at a connection point where there will be a wireless router that only Town Councilors will be provided a password for use. The purchasing of the wiring and router will be coordinated between DPW and the Clerks/ Town Council Office.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Truly Yours,

Robert V. Baltramaitis, P.E.  
DPW Director