



# Town of Warwick

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Commissioner Richard K. Sullivan, Jr.  
Department of Conservation and Recreation  
251 Causeway Street, Suite 600  
Boston, MA 02114

Re: Town use of antenna space on Mount Grace

Dear Commissioner Sullivan:

The Town of Warwick is a small, rural municipality. Over fifty percent of its land area is owned by the Commonwealth, mostly under your department's authority. We are one of a number of communities without Internet broadband and cell phone service—among the *unserved* communities Governor Patrick is working to bring into the Twenty-First Century economy.

This is a formal request for your permission for us to locate an Internet wireless communication antenna array and related equipment on the DCR-owned fire tower and /or the "H" transmitter tower on top of Mt Grace. We also need the name and contact information for the individual in your organization whose responsibility it is to complete such leasing arrangements (if it is other than Atty Vonzalides), because we would like to move ahead aggressively to complete the paperwork you need.

We don't anticipate actually going into the Internet Service Provider business as a municipality, so we would much appreciate your advising us as to what kind of legal entity you would consider acceptable or preferable for such a relationship (*e.g.*, private, for-profit or non-profit corporation, government entity, etc.). Among a number of potential alternatives, we would consider owning a system and leasing the operation to a private entity.

Your advice on whether DCR prefers to deal directly with a service provider or designate space on the tower for the town, with the town then subcontracting installation and maintenance out to professionals, will be helpful.

This access will be a major first step in our bringing high speed Internet to Warwick's residents, local government, small businesses, and our police department.

Thanks for your interest and for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Patricia Lemon, Chair  
Board of Selectmen

cc: Sharon E. Gillett, Commissioner, Department of Telecommunication and Cable  
State Representative Christopher J. Donelan  
State Senator Stephen Brewer  
Attorney Nicholas Vonzalides, Department of Conservation and Recreation  
Warwick Broadband Committee members Reck, Williamson, Varno  
Warwick Town Coordinator J. David Young