

MEMO: Hardwick Select Board, David Upson & Mike Henry

FROM: Tonia Chase

Date: March 20, 2025

Subject: Liquor, Tobacco & Tobacco Substitute Endorsement License Request

Hello Everyone:

Tonight you have the following permits for consideration.

First Class license for:

The Cork & Fork, LLC
bpali, llc d/b/a Caja Taqueria
Hardwick Post No. 7 American Legion Inc.

Second Class Licenses for:

Global Montelle Group, Corp. d/b/a Jiffy Mart

Third Class Licenses for:

The Cork & Fork, LLC
Hardwick Post No. 7 American Legion Inc.

Outside Consumption Permit for:

Hardwick Post No. 7 American Legion Inc.

Tobacco License:

Global Montelle Group, Corp. d/b/a Jiffy Mart

Tobacco Substitute Endorsement:

Global Montelle Group, Corp. d/b/a Jiffy Mart

All the above are renewals and have no infractions.

Item #2 Water Meter Reading Equipment purchase

The meter reading equipment we have is 10 years old (original from when we got meters in 2015). It has become obsolete and soon the software won't be supported anymore. This upgrade is necessary for us to continue reading meters. This is specialized equipment and since we purchased the meters and original equipment from Ti Sales, we will need to purchase from the same vendor.

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Town of Hardwick Fiscal Year 2026 Begin 7/1/2025 End 6/30/2026

INCOME

DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED
State Funds - 19 V.S.A. Section 306(a):	
Class 1 12660.24	\$ 18,990.36
Class 2 4654.44	\$ 52,804.62
Class 3 1730.24	\$ 90,802.99
Town Tax Funds – 19 V.S.A. Section 307	\$ 1,644,672.00
Special Funds (e.g., bonds or earmarks):	
a.	\$
b.	\$
c.	\$
TOTAL	\$ 1,807,269.97

EXPENSES

DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED
Winter Maintenance	\$ 561,682.00
Non-Winter Maintenance	\$ 627,299.00
Major Construction Projects	
a. Paving/future paving	\$ 160,000.00
b. Debt payments	\$ 120,691.00
c. Equipment set aside	\$ 175,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,644,672.00

Comments:

This form shall be signed by the appropriate town officials and forwarded to the District Transportation Administrator.

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We, the Legislative Body of the Municipality of Hardwick certify that funds raised by municipal taxes are equivalent to or greater than a sum of at least \$300.00 per mile for each mile of Class 1, 2, and 3 Town Highway in the municipality. (19 V.S.A. 307)

[Signature] Date: _____

Cecilie Jolly

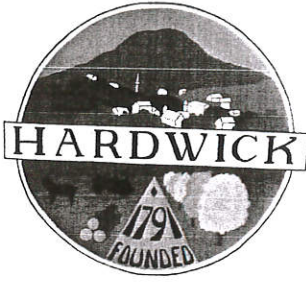
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Shari Corbin

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(Duly Authorized Representatives)

The submitted Town Plan meets the requirements of Title 19, Section 306(j).

_____ Date: _____
District Transportation Administrator



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March 20, 2025

Vermont Community Broadband Board
112 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05620

Re: Broadband Equity Access Deployment (BEAD) Grant

Dear VCBB Grant Application Review Team:

The town of Hardwick is a member of the NEKCV Communications Union District (CUD) that is applying for the **Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD)** grant to ensure that we are able to provide high-speed broadband internet.

We are writing to express our strong support for the expansion of broadband infrastructure in our community and to highlight the significant benefits of the BEAD Program. Reliable and high-speed internet access is essential for modern living, impacting education, healthcare, economic growth, and overall quality of life. We understand that NEKCV's BEAD proposal will reach 137 addresses and bring 28.7 miles of publicly owned fiber-optic infrastructure to our town.

The BEAD Program provides a unique opportunity for communities like ours to secure funding that will help in many ways. Better connectivity helps farmers adopt modern technologies to improve productivity. Faster, more reliable internet helps in disaster preparedness and public safety communications. Improved internet access can boost local businesses, attract remote workers, and support entrepreneurship. Infrastructure projects will create jobs in construction, tech support, and broadband maintenance. Many students in Vermont lack reliable internet for online learning and homework. BEAD will help close the "homework gap" by providing better broadband in homes and schools. Telehealth services will become more accessible, especially in rural areas where medical facilities may be far away. High-speed internet enables virtual doctor visits, remote monitoring, and faster access to medical records.

With many rural and underserved areas in Vermont still lacking broadband access, it is crucial for the NEKCV CUD to receive BEAD funding to support this needed work.

We strongly urge you to prioritize broadband expansion and actively engage with State and Federal agencies to secure BEAD funding for our region supported by NEKCV.

Hardwick Town Manager
Hardwick Town Clerk
Hardwick Public Works Director

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Investing in broadband is an investment in our future.

Sincerely,

Town of Hardwick Selectboard

Eric Remick, Chair

Ceilidh Galloway-Kane, Vice Chair

Shari Cornish

Danny Hale

Tim Ricciardello



**Proposal to the Hardwick Select Board Regarding
A Letter of Support for a T Mobile Hometown Grant**

WHAT: T Mobile Hometown Grant for **solar array** on the roof of the Food Hub at the Hardwick Yellow Barn complex.

WHEN: Grant deadline is Monday, March 31, 2025. Grant awards will be announced at the end of May. Funds will be disbursed by approximately June 1, 2025, if selected.

HOW MUCH: \$50,000. The total estimated cost of the purchase and installation of 218.0 kW DC array by Green Mountain Solar is approximately \$430,000.

WHAT THE TOWN GETS: Bragging rights about having one of the largest net-zero food hubs in the country! Economic impact of the businesses operating through the Food Hub.

WHAT CAE IS ASKING FROM THE TOWN: A letter of support for this proposal. The Town will not have any commitment or responsibilities regarding this grant.

WOULD THE TOWN BE A GRANTEE OR SUBGRANTEE? No. Only CAE would be a grantee.

[More information on this grant can be found here](https://www.t-mobile.com/brand/hometown-grants), on the T Mobile website.
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