

A company called RedZone Wireless ([redzonewireless.com](http://redzonewireless.com)) has money to install broadband internet service in rural areas of Maine, including towns like Baldwin where some areas are served, and others served poorly. They use wireless to communicate with a device on your home that can "see" the main transmitter. RedZone proposes to install its system if the Town can guarantee about 150 customers, for a five year period, at about \$50 each per month, for 20 meg download service, for a minimum of \$7500 monthly revenue . The Channel 8 tower in Baldwin is required by its permit to accept tenants on its tower at customary market rates, so the thought is that they could broadcast from there, and anyone who could "see" the tower would be able to get the signal. Obviously, people living on the back side of Ward's Hill Road, or one of the hollows in North Baldwin would not be in a service area. They are up and running in the Midcoast and Portland areas so we know that they are a real company.

Right now, the Town is gathering information to gauge the level of interest. The goal for Baldwin would be to have plenty more than 150 customers so that the Town would be in no danger of having to make up the shortfall with taxpayers' money. If someone hits the lottery and wishes to endow the project we'd love to hear from you! We'd like interested people to get in touch with Danielle Taylor, the Selectmens' Assistant at [dtaylorbaldwin@gmail.com](mailto:dtaylorbaldwin@gmail.com) (assuming you have internet now !), or phone at 625-9107, or by postcard (remember those?) at 534 Pequaket Trail, 04091. Please provide your name, road, current internet service if any (dialup, DSL, cable, satellite or cellular, or nuthin-at-all). This is not a commitment, but a show of interest to help us decide whether to move forward with an application, and, no, we won't give your name out to anyone!

Also, there is the possibility that we could form a two- or three-town consortium, so if any of our neighbors in parts of Sebago, Hiram, or Cornish have a good "look" at the tower, we'd like to hear from you with the same info. Extra neighbors would help us insure that we had the minimum customer level. This would be sort of like Mutual Aid fire protection.

Again, this is all in the early stages. No guarantees are in effect, so if you have internet service now don't get all excited and tell your current provider to go jump in the Saco River. Not yet anyway.

Town of Baldwin Selectmen