



Town of Middlefield Communications Committee

Open meeting: August 12, 2013

Committee members present:

Howard Knickerbocker
Joe Kearns
Steve Harris

Minutes:

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm.

Approved minutes for 7/19/13 as read.

Discussed the Aug. 8 MBI/Axia anchor institution briefing held at the town hall, including:

- The network is currently slated to go live sometime in Dec.
- We will look into various options for phones, internet, etc. at that time.
- The library & police are expected to be served via the network by outside agencies.
- Axia can hook up the senior center at no additional cost (there's a fiber loop outside) should the center order services.
- Something needs to be done re the noisy fan in the auditorium utility closet (other towns have the same issue).

Discussed the backup alternatives recommended by Kurt Zinnack, and determined that Backblaze would be the best solution as it is the least expensive, easy to install, and requires minimal administration. Voted unanimously to recommend to the Selectboard that we purchase Backblaze for town hall computers.

Discussed progress of WiredWest/MBI last mile project, noting that MBI proposal would serve only a small fraction of the households in middle mile towns, and several "cable towns" are already objecting that they are being left out.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.