



Town of Middlefield Communications Committee

Open meeting: January 28, 2014

Committee members present:

Howard Knickerbocker
Joe Kearns
Steve Harris

Minutes:

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm.

Discussed potential uses for Massbroadband 123 now that Middlefield is live:

- Buildings
 - Town Hall
 - Senior Center
 - Fire House
 - Town Garage
- Functions
 - Telephones (incl. cell phones in package deal)
 - Pay extra for each location?
 - Centrex-type setup?
 - Video at various locations

In light of multiple providers and options, discussed retaining Jean Atwater-Williams of BizTech Associates to consult on potential uses and costs. Steve made a motion to contract Jean for broadband communications consulting services, not to exceed \$500. Howard seconded, all voted in favor.

Joe reported that WiredWest was continuing to work with MBI on bringing last mile fiber to member towns. He also noted that WiredWest asked to place an article for a second \$1,000 commitment on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Approved minutes for 9/16/13 as read.

Steve noted that Duane had received a report of a perceived threat from the Middlefield website. Neither Steve nor Howard could imagine the cause, but agreed to review the plugins installed in the site.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.