



Town of Middlefield Communications Committee

Open meeting: June 28, 2014

Committee members present:

Howard Knickerbocker
Joe Kearns
Steve Harris

Minutes:

Meeting called to order at 10:05 am

Approved minutes of 6/17/14 as read.

Discussed overhead projector for auditorium:

- Voted to purchase projector, ceiling mount, screen, and any related equipment and installation services.
- Will consult with Kurt Zinnack re purchases.

Emergency communications:

- Discussed conducting radio check in Middlefield to Hampshire County Repeater on the Chester Fire Tower from multiple locations.
- Joe to contact the Chester Fire Department to conduct tests.
- Steve & Joe to designate test locations.

Joe to set up Cummington trip for committee members.

Voted to accept wording of draft Selectboard request to Town Counsel re advice on administrative access policy for town computers.

Discussed material provided by Jean Attwood composed questions re replacing town hall phone service and implementing reverse 911:

- How many hard wired Verizon numbers should we keep for town offices & emergency communications?
- Should we have one central number for Town Hall?
- Can locations outside of town hall (e.g. the Senior Center & Town Garage) be included with central exchange?

- Can we retain direct dialing to old numbers for Assessors, Tax Collector, etc., so they can be reached either directly or via the central exchange? If so, for how long, and at what cost?
- What would the Red Alert annual cost be for our small town of Middlefield, with ~ 270 households? (Blackboard Connect would charge around \$1,540 per year,)

Howard reported that he had forwarded WiredWest letter to the Selectboard.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.