



## **Town of Middlefield Communications Committee**

**Open meeting: June 16, 2015**

### **Committee members present:**

Howard Knickerbocker  
Joe Kearns  
Steve Harris

### Minutes:

Meeting called to order at 2 pm.

Approved previous meeting's minutes and report on visit to Leverett as read.

Agreed to write a progress report on the search for last mile broadband alternatives with link to existing docs.

Agreed to purchase new computer for Building Commissioner including monitor and Microsoft Office.

Steve reported that he spoke with Senator Downing re the town's DSL service:

- Townspeople are unable to sign up for new DSL service despite many empty slots in the town's two DSLAMs.
- Sen Downing said that there is no clear pattern – that he has been able to resolve this issue in some towns but not others.
- Sen Downing asked Steve to provide testimonials to Counsel for Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities & Energy.

Discussed need to apply for Broadband Planning Grant by July 7 deadline.

Discussed need to schedule a meeting on emergency communications upgrade some evening when all parties can attend.

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm.