



Town of Middlefield Communications Committee

Open meeting: August 18, 2015

Committee members present:

Joe Kearns
Howard Knickerbocker
Steve Harris

Others attending:

Fred Goldstein, Interisle Consulting

Minutes:

Meeting called to order at 1:30 pm.

Discussed hybrid fiber/wireless broadband deployment with Interisle Consulting:

- Issues re Middlefield's terrain
- Current and forthcoming technologies
- Alternate deployment strategies and costs
- MBI's funding for professional services vs construction
- Strategies for serving remote locations
- Potential for utilizing MBI fiber
- MBI's pruning of alternate backhaul paths from middle mile build
- Potential for cooperative build with neighboring towns
- Potential for service across town lines
- The application of Royalston's pilot results to Middlefield
- MBI approval of Middlefield's Broadband Planning Grant application
- Toured potential sites for Middlefield antennas

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.