



# Town of Middlefield Communications Committee

Open meeting: October 23, 2015

## Committee members present:

Joe Kearns  
Howard Knickerbocker  
Steve Harris

## Minutes:

Meeting called to order at 3:05 pm.

Reviewed and approved minutes from October 13.

Discussed need for emergency communications upgrade:

- Howard to follow up on Emergency Communications upgrade. Will fill in details re specs and costs.
- Must meet with Fire before proceeding with upgrade – Steve to call & invite.

Last mile broadband review:

- Will follow up with MBI re possibility of hooking into MassBroadband 123 fiber.
- Approved Oct 26 joint memo with Selectboard re MBI's commitment to fund alternate last mile solutions.
- Joe to query Becket re possibility of hooking into their fiber to serve Bancroft locations.
- Following promising visit to Royalston to see initial results of their wireless broadband installation, Steve to follow up to obtain further details on Royalston rollout and financing.
- Steve to investigate existing tower bylaw and draft possible bylaw for MLP communications towers.

Joe reported that John Savery is proceeding with upgrade of town hall electrical service.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm.