



Town of Middlefield

Communications Committee

Open meeting: November 9, 2015

Committee members present:

Joe Kearns
Howard Knickerbocker
Steve Harris

Others present:

Ron Radwich
Skip Savery
Tom Austin
Ed Vivier
Ann Marie Visconti

Minutes:

Meeting called to order at 6:10 pm.

Extensive discussion on emergency communications upgrade requirements:

- Howard advised Tom that switching to 800 channel would not solve police communications problems.
- Ron & Skip stated that Fire & Highway need their own channels.
- There will be a need for multiple repeater access.
- Switch to Hampshire dispatch for reasons of cost and efficiency.
- Ron stated that Berkshire County would be interested in using our new tower.

Howard to draw up new requirements document, after which we can meet again.

Ann Marie announced a meeting with Bob Barry and Bonnie from MEMA on November 20 at 3 pm.

Ann Marie stressed the need to utilize the Code Red emergency notification system. Steve introduced Ann Marie to town's Code Red representative.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.