



Town of Middlefield Communications Committee

Open meeting: January 6, 2016

Committee members present:

Leanne Every
Joe Kearns
Steve Harris

Others present:

Ann Marie Visconti
Marge Pierre
Participants from Hawley, New Marlborough, Royalston, & Savoy

Minutes:

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm.

Held extended discussion of progress in planning and implementing alternative last mile broadband solutions:

- In depth discussion of Royalston's wireless implementation.
- Hawley report on progress of Interisle study.
- Reported on Middlefield's completion of a plan for wireless broadband.
- Planning and other grants from the MBI.
- New technologies – what's coming down the pike?
- How do we free up design money?

Discussed inviting Eric Nakajima to a future meeting. Agreed it was a good idea, but no date set.

Hussain Hamdan presented a draft joint letter to Eric Nakajima from the towns of Hawley, Middlefield, New Marlborough, Princeton, Royalston, & Savoy.

Set Feb. 10 date for the next meeting, to be held in Hawley.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.