



Town of Middlefield Communications Committee

Open meeting February 10, 2016

Committee members present:

Leanne Every
Joe Kearns
Steve Harris

Others present:

Participants from Hawley, Ashfield, Charlemont & Royalston

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, including the need to have a clear definition of the expected user experience.
- Hawley report on progress of Interisle study.
- Reported on Middlefield's submission of its wireless broadband proposal to the MBI, and the upcoming Selectboard meeting on hybrid alternatives.
- Discussed implications of state's hold on last mile projects and resignation of the MBI director.
- Discussed proposed joint letter to the MBI with the consensus determining that we would hold off for now.

Set Mar. 9 date for the next meeting, to be held in Hawley.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.