



Town of Middlefield

Communications Committee

Open meeting February 27, 2016

Committee members present:

Joe Kearns
Steve Harris

Other attendee:

Vern Leach, Peru

Minutes:

Meeting called to order at 3 pm.

Briefed Vern Leach, Chair of the Peru Board of Selectmen, on progress of Middlefield's last mile broadband project and printed out relevant reports. He was especially interested in comparative costs of fiber, hybrid, and wireless. Steve answered Vern's prepared questions. Vern will discuss his findings at Peru Selectboard meeting for possible follow-up.

Approved minutes for 2/20 as read.

In light of 5-6 fold increase in what GoDaddy wants to charge upon May renewal of website services, voted to migrate to InMotion web hosting which, after reading the reviews, appears to be a clear choice in WordPress hosting. InMotion will migrate our site, after which we will point to the new host with no interruption of service. Since our GoDaddy service doesn't include cPanel administration, migrating emails will be a more labor-intensive process.

Discussed proposed visit of MBI tech team the following week.

Joe may invite rep from Matrix Design Group to future ComCom meeting.

Discussed need to speak with Jay Swift re tower bylaw.

Checked the Lotus Energy LGate-101E at the town hall for reporting solar generation. Joe to follow-up with Paradise Energy Solutions regarding Hampshire Council report that it is not receiving production information.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.