



Town of Middlefield Communications Committee

Open meeting March 4, 2016

Committee members present:

Joe Kearns
Steve Harris

Minutes:

Meeting called to order at 10:30 am.

Approved minutes for 2/27 as amended.

Reviewed & approved MLP Governance & Responsibilities.

Reviewed & approved project implementation schedule.

Adjourned to joint meeting with Selectboard, Fred Goldstein, & MBI tech team (Todd Corcoran, Technical Program Manager & Cornell Robinson, Senior Project Manager).

- We assured them that we would provide 100% coverage for the town, satisfying a major MBI wireless concern.
- The MBI remains firmly committed to the "FCC Standard" of 25/3 Mbps service, which we agreed to achieve with the next generation of white space electronics coming out this year and a few other tweaks. To that end, we are modifying our plan to achieve:
 - 100% coverage in 2016
 - 100% 25/3 coverage in 2017.
- To get around the current "funding pause" we will break out the initial pilot costs for immediate partial funding so we can stay on track for 100% coverage in 2016.

We believe we came to an understanding that the town MLP will manage the project, in close coordination with the MBI to find vendors, draw up RFPs, and on other tasks that apply to multiple towns.

Financial issues discussed were not for the tech team to resolve:

- Will the town be entitled to its full \$580K funding share for wireless?
- Will our project's funding be subject to the arbitrary 45/55 split for professional services and construction? (The tech team appeared to agree that this is meaningless for our wireless project.)

Meeting adjourned at 1 pm.