



Town of Middlefield

Communications Committee

Open meeting: December 2, 2015

Committee members present:

Steve Harris
Joe Kearns

Other Broadband Committee members from:

Hawley
New Marlborough
Princeton
Royalston
Savoy

Minutes:

Meeting called to order at 6:10 pm.

Extensive discussion on sharing experiences on implementing alternate broadband solutions.

Status reports by various towns – Royalston most advanced followed by Middlefield in advanced planning stage, incl. for pilot applicable to all towns. Hawley in earlier planning stage. All three towns received MBI planning grants and are working with Interisle Consulting.

Most towns said it wasn't a question of WiredWest vs MBI – they simply couldn't afford fiber.

Princeton is doing fiber, not with WiredWest, and are interested in wireless to fill in out of the way locations.

Participants praised latest Middlefield docs and distributed printouts of ComCom Docs page.

There was extensive discussion of Royalston, including pilot and future plans.

Hawley members will look into setting up online collaboration via Google+ or other means.

Concluded with discussion of how best to engage the MBI, including how we can support their mission.

Scheduled next meeting in Middlefield Town Hall, January 6, at 6 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.