



Town of Middlefield

Communications Committee

Open meeting February 20, 2016

Committee members present:

Leanne Every
Steve Harris

Minutes:

Meeting called to order at 10:30 am.

Approved minutes for 2/5 & 2/10 meetings as amended.

Discussed progress in planning and implementing alternative last mile broadband:

- In response to Steve's concerns re delay, Middlefield's wireless last mile broadband proposal has been escalated by the MBI Project Manager.
- Memo on the Town's need to access the Chester Fire Tower has been relayed to the MBI team, and sent to Sen Downing as Chair of the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, as agreed with the MBI.
- Discussed memo on governance of the Middlefield Municipal Light Plant (MLP) that will be presented to the Selectboard on 2/22.
- Discussed working with the MBI and request for proposal procedures.

Discussed Town Hall wireless access point additions and reconfiguration, including removal of conflicting "Middlefield" wireless access.

Approved acquisition of middlefieldnet.net for Middlefield's broadband service, and a 5-year extension of GoDaddy hosting for both domains.

Voted to appoint Leanne as website co-administrator.

Discussed planning a visit to Hilltown Networks in Ashfield.

Reviewed work on providing a more definitive count of potential broadband customers.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.