

Waldoboro Communications Technology Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2017

John Lawrence, Chairman, called the CTC meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Committee members John Lawrence, Richard Genthner, Richard Hoffses and Dick Glidden present. Bob Butler was not present.

Also present was Reuben Mahar.

The committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes for meetings held on December 19, 2016 and January 9, 2017

Under old business, Richard Genthner demonstrated the new camera with 1080 ppi resolution. He recorded the meeting using this higher quality camera as compared to the 760 pixel per inch cameras currently mounted in the conference room. The only component of the existing system that Richard hooked up was the sound system. The improvement in detail definition was both extraordinary and appreciated by everyone. Clearly, the 1080 resolution camera is the answer for an upgrade to our present out-dated system. Using a high definition camera to record meetings and to upload the recordings to You Tube will provide archiving capabilities that every resident of Waldoboro will be able to access. The proposed system will also offer the alternative of live-streaming and will be accessible through LCTV. It was requested of Richard Genthner to provide a block diagram and budgetary pricing for the camera system at our next meeting.

John Lawrence presented the town map showing broadband services currently available and will complete the coverage details in time to discuss it further at our next meeting. It was voted not to provide copies of the map until we use this data tool to identify and complete the best connectivity options for the remaining unserved and underserved coverage pockets within Waldoboro.

Under New Business, Cable Franchise options were discussed in anticipation to meeting with Spectrum shortly.

Digital Literacy training was presented as a way to stimulate residents to gain greater interest in upgrading their Internet connectivity. The CTC continues to work with LCI to host another Broadband Education evening, hopefully in February or March.

Citizens' Comments - None

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
John Lawrence, Chairman