

## **Draft of e-community initiative**

Motion at Town Meeting declaring the town's desire to establish an e-community commission or to become an e-community by 2010

Appoint of team of 6 community leaders – who are doers and passionate about this cause. Get them to draft friends and neighbors to help.

Set up possible subcommittees:

- How town clerk services can be made more accessible on Internet
- Webcast and podcast town meetings
- Build an email list of town residents –
  - Send out PDF of town report...to save time and make more usable
  - Send out notices of meetings, surveys, notifications of openings on town boards, official notices (even those warned in newspapers)
- How library can be made more accessible
- How PTA can be more Internet accessible and groups that support town teams
- How to encourage more businesses to set up hotspots outside and inside their offices
- How to encourage residences to set up hotspots that they would allow anyone to use
- Identify towers, silos, houses, barns, churches, town buildings, businesses in strategic locations to offer their facilities for towers or antennas. Educate owners of those structures on how they could offer for free or be paid to allow companies to use their facilities
- Group to do local census of where there is and isn't mobile voice and broadband access
- Work with senior centers and housing to increase usage of Internet
- Work with daycare facilities to increase usage of Internet

- Improve town website
- Develop Internet based activities to attract tourists to historic sites in town
- Improve historical society's use of Internet
- Draft ordinance saying that any new development must put in conduits for Internet access
- Draft proposal to assure that town puts in conduits whenever digging up roads
- Encourage local Internet based entrepreneurs...maybe a little tax break for their business in town
- Consider broadband an asset when appraising a residence or corporate site
- Policy to recycle all computers town, school, library and local businesses no longer need and make available to disadvantaged families...with training and 8 hours in first year of phone support
- Develop local nerd squad of high school kids who need volunteer hours...to help seniors, day care providers and recipients of refurbished computers.
- Consider building a town WiFi network, or consortium with other town to bring fiber to all the homes and businesses
- Process for town notifying all service providers when doing road work that could help save them money
- What about a town revolving fund for the purchase of customer premise eqpt (CPE) required by some ISPs that families cannot afford
- Educate public on what "common good" is. In the hope that they will not fight the use of easements for Internet (wireless, fiber or cable) and cell phone availability.