

Approved Technology Committee minutes for June 5, 2013.

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by chairman Brian McCarthy. Present in addition to Brian were members John Sauter, Jamie MacFarland and Anthony Richardson. Also present were Chuck Miller, the liaison to the Town, Bill Letsky of Virtual Towns and Schools, and Jamie's son. Absent were Curtis Conrad and John Lastowka.

There were no minutes to approve.

Bill Letsky presented his website hosting service and content creation product. They specialize in municipalities, which includes Towns and School Districts. They have 425 clients, of which 68 are in New Hampshire. They will work with us to design our web site, and move our existing content into their product. They have a product layered on Drupal which simplifies content creation by non-professionals. Hosting is done in a data center in Portland, ME, backed up nightly to a location in Gardner, MA, so the Town's web site should suffer less down time with them. In addition, the current procedure of fixing problems by e-mail will be replaced by direct access.

John took exception to their "send this page as e-mail" feature, which can be used by the general public to send spam from the Town's e-mail server. Bill will get back to us on how Virtual Towns and Schools deals with that issue, and in any case the feature can be removed.

Bill offered to send his presentation to Chuck. Chuck will send it to the Technology Committee mailing list so we will all have a copy.

We had been asked to evaluate this service by the Town Manager, who is unhappy with the amount of down time the Town's web site is suffering. We concluded that Virtual Towns and Schools has a good product, but we should examine at least one other product to broaden our knowledge of the current state of the art. Brian has sent an e-mail to Eileen to this effect.

John moved and Anthony seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed. Brian adjourned the meeting at 8:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John Sauter, secretary, technology committee