The meeting was called to order at 7:09 PM by Chairman Dustin Liukkonen. Present in addition to Dustin were members Curtis Conrad, Adonis ElFakih and John Sauter. Absent were Tom Koenig, the committee’s Town Council representative, and member Jamie MacFarland. Also present was Chuck Miller, the committee’s liaison to the Town’s IT department.

Curt moved and Adonis seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 13, 2016. The motion to approve the minutes passed 4-0.

We discussed the diagram that Chuck had sent to the committee showing the Town’s network, which links the Town buildings through a combination of fibre cable and VPN connections through Comcast.

We discussed the active items remaining on the issues list. Tim is working as Chuck’s assistant at 20 hours per week, though there is enough work for him that he could usefully be working 40 hours per week. The Town has mostly transitioned from Microsoft Office 2003 to Microsoft Office 2010. The concern with Google Apps or similar office software is that when access to the Internet is down the Town can do no business. Perhaps virtual desktops hosted in Town Hall instead of on the Internet would address this limitation. However, we would have nearly as many virtual desktop templates as users. Chuck acquired several small laptops which run Microsoft Windows 10 on an Atom processor for $150 apiece, the cost of a Microsoft Windows license.

We discussed the security of the voting machines.

The Gigabit fibre to the Police Station is running about 25% utilization. The project to move the Police radio, referred to in the January 13 minutes, is on hold.

There was some discussion of network security. John recommended to Chuck that the unused network ports in the public parts of Town Hall be disabled at the Ethernet switch when they are not in use. Dustin and Adonis will look into resources which might be available to fund a security audit. Curt will check on security companies.

Chuck mentioned that the upgrade of DOCstar, a document management system, had gone well.

There were no comments from the press or public.

Curt moved and Dustin seconded the motion to adjourn, which passed 4-0. Dustin adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John Sauter, secretary, Technology Committee