

**Cable Advisory Committee  
Minutes of January 14, 2016**

Present for the Cable Committee were: Chairman May Paquette, Vice Chair Hank Noel, Louis Rousseau, Gordon Lutz, David Patenaude, Lenny Proposki and Ted Kosiavelon. Also present was: Samantha Carver the recording secretary. The meeting was held at the Town Hall located at 62 Arlington Street, Dracut, MA.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

**Proposal from Epstein & August Legal Services for contract review**

The Committee reviewed the revised proposal from Epstein & August. Town Counsel and the Town Manager have reviewed the document. Ms. Paquette stated that Mr. August will be used in a limited capacity not to exceed twenty-five hours of services.

Mr. Noel made a motion to approve the revised proposal from Epstein and August. Mr. Rousseau seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

There was a discussion on whether the Town had received any more information back from Ben Pearlman of Comcast with the answers to the questions posed at the November 2015 meeting. The secretary stated he did respond after the meeting and that email was forwarded however he has not come back with any further information. Ms. Paquette asked if we could reach out to Mr. Pearlman again to see if he has any further information. Mr. Noel expressed his frustration once again with the lack of response from the Comcast representatives.

**Survey Results**

The Committee reviewed the results in chart form of the surveys received on the cable service. The Town only received about seventeen responses and Mr. Gordon mentioned that most of those were probably the veterans in Town that he has contact with that he asked to fill out and send in the forms.

**Public Hearing per Contract requirement**

The Committee discussed holding a public hearing to get input from residents on customer service and adequacy of technology from the cable provider. There was a discussion on how best to get the word out to the Town that this meeting will be held. The notice will be put in the Lowell Sun and on the local cable station. The Committee mentioned putting notice on the mobile reader board on the corner of Pleasant and Bridge Street.

The public meeting will be held January 28, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall 1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room.

**Update for Board of Selectmen**

Ms. Paquette reported that she was asked by Town Manager Duggan to go before the Selectmen and give an update on their negotiation progress. Ms. Paquette gave the Selectmen an overview of the progress on the preparation to begin negotiations and explained that they will be having a public hearing and will begin contract negotiations after that. Ms. Paquette asked the secretary if

**INET – What to replace with**

Ms. Paquette also informed the Committee that she met with Louis Darvarris to try and get a better insight as to the INET and what the Committee could do instead. Mr. Darvarris stated that they should try and negotiate some fiber optic cabling for the five major buildings in Town in place of the INET.

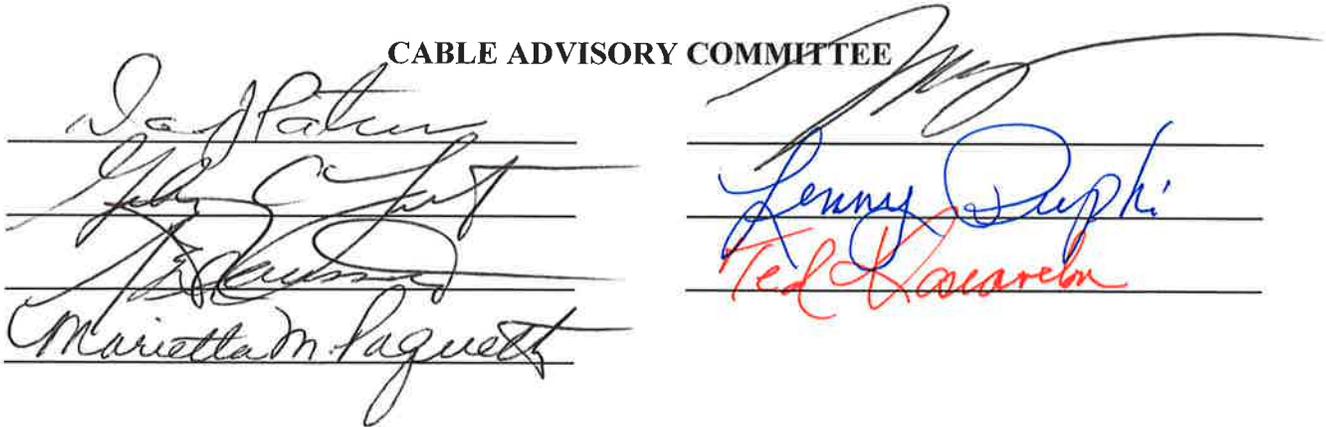
**Length of Contract**

Mr. Proposki asked if there had been any discussion on whether Comcast would discuss the length of the contract to be less than ten years. Ms. Paquette stated there hasn't been yet. It was the consensus that Comcast would want a ten year contract. There was also discussion on the language in the contract relative to some other party wanting to come into Town to provide services and make sure that they would be allowed in. Ms. Paquette stated there is language in the contract now, the problem is they would have to come in equaling what Comcast offers so that it was an "apple to apples" opportunity.

**Adjourn**

Mr. Noel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. Mr. Rousseau seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**



The image shows two columns of handwritten signatures on a document with horizontal lines. The left column contains four signatures, with the bottom one clearly legible as "Marietta M. Paquette". The right column contains three signatures, with the top one in blue ink and the bottom one in red ink. The text "CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE" is printed in bold, black, uppercase letters above the signatures.