

Cable Advisory Committee
Minutes of March 17, 2015

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

Absent: Louis Rousseau, Gordon Lutz,

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. and recognized Mr. Ben Pearlman of Comcast present at the meeting. Ms. Paquette stated the reason he was asked to attend was that the Committee had a few questions for him regarding the strand maps that he had sent.

Mr. Noel asked about the strand maps and stated he was looking more for the locations and what type of connection and asked if there was something with more detail he could look at. Mr. Pearlman stated there are two mutual locations for the plan maps one being in Westford and one in Hudson where the Committee could view the layout.

Ms. Paquette asked if Mr. Pearlman would be negotiating the contract. He stated as it stands currently, he will be.

The Committee discussed the issue on the INET and how the Town has not been using this for several years even though the contract provides this be functioning in the contract. Mr. Pearlman was not aware of the issue. Mr. Pearlman has been with Comcast for two years.

Mr. Pearlman was asked about the difference between residential and business services. Stated that Xfinity is television cable service and Business Services relates to all other services provided by Comcast.

The Committee discussed the number of subscribers in Town who have Comcast. It was noted that the number has only gone up by 31 subscribers since last year.

Ms. Paquette asked Mr. Pearlman about the percentages in the contracts he's negotiated. He stated that the percentages have been all over the place. He also touched upon the franchise related costs (FRC).

The Committee thanked Mr. Pearlman for his time.

Mailing a Survey

The Committee discussed the memorandum provided by Chief Assessor Katie Roark relative to the number of households that a survey could potentially be mailed to on cable issues. The Committee discussed this being too costly however they will come up with a survey of questions and put it up on the Town's webpage and put it on cable and anyone who may want to respond to it could that way.

Ms. Paquette will do a draft of the questions the Committee had already come up and have it available for next meeting.

Review of Articles 11 & 12 of the contract

The Committee briefly discussed Article 11 – Determination of Breach, Liquidated Damages, License Revocation and Article 12 – Subscriber Rights & Consumer Protection.

For next meeting

The Chairman would like the Committee to review Articles 13, 14 & 15 and discuss the survey questions at the next meeting. The next meeting was determined to be April 21, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the same location.

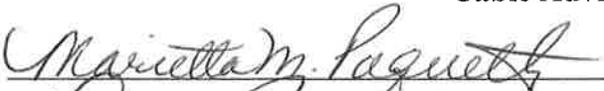
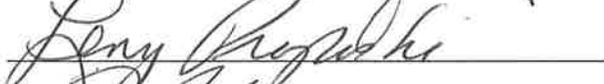
Minutes

Mr. Noel made a motion to approve the minutes of February 10, 2015 as presented. Mr. Kosiavelon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

Mr. Patenaude made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m. Mr. Noel seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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Absent: Gordon Lutz

Absent: Louise Rousseau