

Cable Committee Minutes. 1/23/07

Attending: Margaret Fredrickson, Linda Wade, Peter Boers, Mark Thompson, Lynn Puorro (COMCAST) (partial), Marty Greenstein (late)

Called to order at 7:40PM

1) In executive session we discussed the Verizon license negotiations.

2) The following motion passed unanimously:

Subject to Verizon providing an Interconnection clause acceptable to Peter Epstein and Jeff W., the Cable Committee hereby recommends that the Selectmen move forward with awarding a franchise to Verizon based on the 1/18/07 license draft.

3) Someone asked whether cable revenues included on-demand programming. It looks like they don't. This could be a big issue down the road when, perhaps, all programming is on-demand. Peter will be asked.

4) We discussed the implications of having two providers in town, and the possibility of creating a PEG Access Corporation. We realized this would let us do webcasting. We need to offer the Selectmen different options. We also discussed all the overhead involved, and how we would deal with it. Peter has been asked to get us draft articles of incorporation, by-laws, etc. We also generated some questions for him:

a) How much overlap can there be between the AC board and the Cable Comm?

b) Do we receive the cable-related funds from the Cable Companies at the whim of the town, or can/should we contract with them to guarantee the funds as long as we perform to certain goals?

5) We discussed the projector at town hall, and how Maureen is now requiring that only certified people use the town hall equipment. We agreed that Lynn is to determine who is certified to use town hall video equipment.

6) Lynn and Mark want to move the town hall scan converter to the control room. They will find out what it takes and get a quote. The Cart at the town hall was replaced.

7) Jeff said he would try to contact Mike Morrissey to work contract for us.

Adjourned at 9:20.

Respectfully Submitted
Jeff Winston