

**Town of Weston
Cable Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

Monday January 25, 2016

Attendance

Ed Smith, Committee Chairperson
Roland Boucher, Committee Member
Paul Zorfass, Committee Member
Joel Angiolillo, Committee Member
Greg Franks, Comcast

Lee McCanne, Committee Member

Opening of Meeting

The meeting opened at 7:05 P.M. Committee members Michael Glynn and Tom Benson were not able to attend. The remainder of the committee was present.

Update in Regard to Meeting with Comcast Representative

Greg Franks, Senior Manager Government & Regulatory Affairs for Comcast Cable, attended to hear a summary of the results of the Weston Town Cable Survey, including issues raised by subscribers and to discuss the Cable License Renewal Process.

Summary of Survey Results

Joe Angiolillo presented the survey data summary focusing on the number of respondents, the utilization of cable services by town residents and how cable services could be improved.

License Renewal Process

A discussion of the license renewal process and possible next steps followed the survey summary presentation. Mr. Franks stated that Comcast is willing to negotiate a renewal of the license early if the Town and Comcast can agree to terms..

Mr. Franks said that it would be important to have documentation or other back-up regarding capital funding requirements for the Weston Media Center to support our request for an equipment grant.

There was some additional discussion concerning the fact that the Verizon contract is on a different schedule than the Comcast contract and whether there was a way to align the two. Mr. Franks commented that in a similar situation in Medford, Comcast and Verizon had negotiated with Medford at the same time to bring both contracts in together. He offered to provide Mr. Smith with information regarding the details on that agreement for review.

General Update in Regard to Verizon

There were no cable issues with Verizon reported. Mr. Smith will see if a Verizon representative will be able to attend the next committee meeting.

Weston Media Center Activities

There was additional discussion and updates regarding the Weston Media Center. These included:

- Requirement for a Business Plan that would document the Capital Needs for use in our request to Comcast and Verizon for equipment grants

Other Business

There was a brief discussion of the historic origins of Cable Television leading to the Town licensing authority.

Additional Next Steps

The next meeting was established for March 7th.

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Minutes recorded by Roland Boucher.