

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

Monday June 13, 2016

Attendance

Ed Smith, Committee Chairperson
Paul Zorfass, Committee Member
Joel Angiolillo, Committee Member

Lee McCanne, Committee Member
Tom Benson, Committee Member

Opening of Meeting

The meeting opened at 7:05 P.M.

General Update in Regard to Comcast & Verizon

There was general discussion in regard to services provided by Comcast and Verizon. There were no issues related to services provided by these organizations for town cable services.

Additional Discussion

There was additional discussion about the expanding nature of bandwidth services and cord cutting at the local service level. Newer companies with potential developing solutions such as Google were identified.

Planning for License Renewal Process

There was discussion about current and future subsidies and payments from service providers. The role of the Media Center was specified as an established resource..

With a time horizon of looking to 2018 for cable providers contract completion the advisory committee discussed preparing for and engaging in the renewal process. Currently the town cable user base is split approximately 50% for Comcast and 50% for Verizon.

Discussion around the schedule of events in the renewal process included whether:

- the town should enter into negotiations with one of the providers first or not
- there any indications of the nature of negotiations with other municipalities
- providing HD services give one of another of the providers advantages in negotiations

It was determined to plan to meet on September 19th and invite the town counsel William Hewig from Koppelman & Paige to aid the committee to understand any recently concluded cable license renewals and their terms and conditions.

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Minutes recorded by Paul Zorfass.