



Town of Stow Local Access Cable Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

August 3, 2021 6:30pm Via Zoom

Members Attending: Bob Glorioso, Lee Pappas, Lisa Lavina, Meredith Bartlett, Jim Salvie, Jonathan Daisy

Also Attending: Lew Halprin, Arny Buckman

Meeting Called to order 6:31pm

Approve Meeting Minutes

Lee moved, Meredith second, to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2021 Meeting. Glorioso, Pappas, Bennett, Lavina: aye. Salvie: abstains.

Attorney Bill Solomon joins meeting at 6:35pm

Comcast Contract Renewal Prep

Review key points for discussion at meeting with Greg Franks, Comcast Rep.

- HD Upgrade
- Licensing fee
- Video Return
- Electronic Program Guide • Stereo audio also discussed.

Greg Franks joins meeting at 7:06pm

Conversation with Comcast Rep Greg Franks

Bob intros the key goals for the contract.

Atty Solomon expands on them, with details here and there.

- Franks raises issue of replacing analog encoders with modern SDI ones to improve signal quality within six months, relative to available budget for making that commitment. Greg indicates the conversation will continue at the Comcast end.
- Transition to HD timeline is do-able.
- EQUIPMENT/FACILITIES FUNDING is reasonable to Franks, and he plans to recommend it on his side. His manager wants to think it over for possible other combination of fee + annual percentage rate.
- Video Return – reducing current list by 2 facilities that no longer need to be connected. Question about whether the remote locations, currently on coax cable, would be able to handle the HD signal when the time comes (might need fiber pathway). LACAC members believe fiber not needed but will meet with tech engineer Greg Hall of Broadlink Services, who had tested and updated the coax connections in 2019, to confirm actual functionality. Meeting to happen by early next week.

All agree to a follow-up meeting August 24, 2021 at 5:45pm

Adjournment at 7:35pm

Jim moved, Lee second to adjourn.

Submitted by: Lisa Lavina