

Local Access Cable Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes October 12, 2022 6:00pm via Zoom

Members Attending: Bob Glorioso, Lisa Lavina, Meredith Bartlett, Jonathan Daisy.

Lee Pappas joined at after meeting start

Other Attendees: Bill Solomon, Attorney

Meeting Called to Order: 6:06pm

Lisa moved, Meredith second, to approve August 8, 2022 meeting minutes. Unanimously approved.

Approve proposed Legal fee for upcoming Verizon contract negotiations

Discussed anticipated fee for the upcoming Verizon contract negotiation

Bob moved, Lisa second, to approve a fee of \$3,000 for upcoming Verizon contract negotiation.

Unanimously approved

Next steps in Verizon cable negotiations

Verizon continues to make noise about getting out of the cable business, are building early exits into their current contracts, and are signing five-year contract renewals rather than ten-year as in the past.

Questions out there about when Verizon will be discussing a change in their business model with subscribers and if that leaves the Town in a position of knowing about the change before subscribers, should it come to pass.

Verizon is interested in getting the term of the license settled before they discuss the financial agreement. Bob will provide a draft license for Stow by early November and will do some analysis of the numbers. Jonathan will provide quarterly income data to Bill. Bob will get info on Verizon payment locations in the area.

Next meeting with Bill set for Nov 30th.

Livestreaming Stow TV cable broadcasts

Discussion about subscribing to the Castus system for streaming. No hardware involved, link can be embedded on the website. Would provide all cable programs via streaming and viewable on phones, tablets, etc. Lee suggested looking into Plex free video streaming, hosted on a dedicated computer. Free app to users. Programs must be uploaded and recorded. Jonathan will continue to investigate options.

Possible equipment donation to NRHS video department

Discuss potential. We don't currently have equipment to donate to them but wanted to float the idea with the group. Might loan them gear and see if the commitment is there.

Lisa moved, Meredith second, to adjourn at 7:00pm.

Minutes approved at 12/16 meeting- JD