



Local Access Cable Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2023 4:00 pm via Zoom

Members Attending: Bob Glorioso, Lisa Lavina (joined at 4:40p), Meredith Bartlett, Lee Pappas.

Members Not Attending: Courtni Frecha

Other Attendees: Jonathan Daisy, Executive Director, Stow TV, Bill Solomon, Attorney

Meeting Called to Order: 4:05 pm

Discussion of fiber optic installation quotes

Jonathan reported that towns that use fiber connections are very pleased with it and find it easy and useful, mainly for government meetings and sports. Possible Stow uses discussed included showing SpringFest events at Center school live to people who can't attend, having a live telethon, performances, or conferences and meetings broadcast live from the Stow TV website without having to use Zoom or social media. Another possible use would be for security.

The installation quote by Ockers (\$30k), and the connection installations at the various buildings by BroadLink (10k) were approved with the stipulation that the fiber installation be promoted to the town for other possible uses by other departments. Meredith volunteered to provide some marketing materials.

Verizon Contract Renewal

Attorney Solomon walked the committee through the Verizon contract currently in force and discussed strategic ideas for our approach the contract renewal. The current contract was approved 15 years ago and there are meaningful changes to how Verizon is viewing new contracts.

Some key areas of negotiation:

- Calculations of rates when internet and cable are bundled.
- Resolution level definition for HDTV
- Contract renewals are now for 5 years, with the first opportunity for notification of exit no earlier than the 28th month, with 270 day's notice.
- Service to public buildings
- PEG channels in HD.
- Subscriber numbers haven't changed grants based on subscribers will be similar.

- Capital grant is similar but in proportion to shorter contract.
- Updated indemnification and enforcement statements

Bill will contact the Verizon attorney to schedule a meeting in person to negotiate the final agreement.

Approve Minutes

Meredith moved, Lee second, to approve March 15 meeting minutes. Unanimously approved.

Move to adjourn at 5:10 pm

Minutes submitted by Lisa Lavina

Minutes approved at 6/1/23 meeting- *LD*