



Local Access Cable Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

June 1, 2023 3:00 pm via Zoom

Members Attending: Bob Glorioso, Lisa Lavina, Meredith Bartlett, Courtni Frecha.

Members Not Attending: Lee Pappas.

Other Attendees: Jonathan Daisy, Executive Director, Stow TV, Bill Solomon, Attorney John Harrington, Verizon Representative

Meeting Called to Order: 3:06 pm

Verizon Contract Renewal

Attorney Bill Solomon and Verizon representative John Harrington discussed with LACAC the new contract draft and possible schedule for getting it approved, as well as installation timing of an HD channel for Stow TV.

Some key areas of negotiation:

- Harrington considers the capital figure request of \$68,750 on the high side, but the “premium” justifiable due to the contract being only for 5 years with a three-year buy-out option.
- Attorney Solomon pointed out the Verizon gets Stow’s broadcast signal from Comcast and pays for it. If that need was removed, Verizon would be saving money.
- The HD channel timing was discussed. The contract stipulates it be installed within 270 days, but Harrington said it will most likely be done sooner. Following the signing of the contract, a letter from the Select Board requesting quicker channel installation would help.
- Harrington said he sees no issues with the contract, and it will probably be ready on Verizon’s side within the next 2 weeks and made available for review.
- Due to the contract expiration date coming up soon (June 24th), the Chair requested an extension letter from Verizon. Harrington said it would be issued the following week.
- Getting the contract ready for the June 27th Select Board meeting was discussed as a goal, and considered do-able by all.

Harrington left the meeting at 3:23pm.

Approve Minutes

Bob moved, Meredith seconded, to approve April 15 meeting minutes. Unanimously approved.

Move to adjourn at 3:40 pm

Minutes submitted by Jonathan Daisy

Minutes approved at 9/15/23 meeting

JD