



**Local Access Cable Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
September 15, 2023 9:00 am via Zoom**

**Members Attending:** Bob Glorioso, Courtni Frecha, Lee Pappas.  
Meredith Baxter and Lisa Lavina joined the meeting at 9:25am.

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

**Meeting Called to Order: 9:01 am**

**Cortni moved to accept the June 1st Meeting minutes; Bob seconded. Unanimously approved.**

**Verizon Contract Renewal** -Attorney Bill Solomon and Verizon representative John Harrington discussed new contract draft and possible schedule for getting it approved. Some key points:

- Harrington stated he has not received the draft back from the Verizon corporate office yet but should have it the following week.
- Attorney Solomon pointed out the Verizon new license is very different from previous licenses due to changes in the business and loss of subscribers.
- Harrington stated that the capital figure of \$70,000, to be paid over three years has been approved, and the quarterly payments of 4.75% will remain for the new license.
- Jonathan suggested scheduling the hearing with the Select Board on Oct 10th. Harrington was reluctant to schedule it without the draft in hand, but agreed to send an extension of the current contract though the end of October

Harrington left the meeting at 9:14am.

**Community Outreach ideas-**

Jonathan suggested a couple of ways to reach out to the Stow community; through offering a scholarship to graduating Nashoba high students who are pursuing video, journalism, or communication studies, and have been involved with Stow TV or the high school video/journalism programs, and also possibly to sponsor a public performance/event at Stow Park.

-It was agreed that it was worth pursuing. Bob recommended making a subcommittee to look at costs and possibilities. Meredith and Lee agreed to participate.

Also discussed was whether Town Meetings should be broadcast live for seniors and others unable to attend in person.

Jonathan expressed reluctance citing the added responsibilities of providing closed captions at the meeting through Zoom, and that town meeting has been held in different places and with different challenging set-ups over the past few years due to COVID and varying expected turn-outs. Would rather be concentrating solely on that the live meeting go smoothly for attendees, at least until a regular location and set-up has been established. It was agreed not to go live with the coming meeting, but that it should be discussed with the Select Board to see if that is something they would like done for future meetings.

**Move to adjourn at 9:48 am**

**Minutes submitted by Jonathan Daisy**

**Approved at Dec 1, 2023 meeting- *JD***