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Towns of Great Barrington, Lee, Lenox, Sheffield, and Stockbridge
Five Town Cable Advisory Committee
Subcommittee for negotiations of Renewal Cable TV License with Charter Communications
Auditorium, Lenox Town Hall, Lenox, MA
Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at 1:00pm

Subcommittee members present: Linda Miller, Chair
Rene Wood

The meeting was called to order by Chair L. Miller at 2:13pm.

Meeting minutes from 5/17/23, 5/24/23, and 6/5/23 were reviewed. R. Wood noted that the 6/5/23 minutes needed to be amended to include Chair Miller's request for Senior discount rates, which Charter said they do not offer and are only honored in current acquired contracts.

On a motion by R. Wood, seconded by Chair Miller and unanimously approved, 5/17/23 and 5/24/23 minutes were accepted as presented and 6/5/23, as amended.

Items discussed were:

- A single PEG channel; discussion on this with R. Fredericks; impact of streaming and if favor single HD PEG channel would need to be in Basic Tier and possibility to afford programming content on the Guide.
- Potential restructuring of CTSB to a media, not just TV programming. This requires action by the CTSB's board and was suggested by R. Fredericks upon his appointment as Executive Director.
- Need to set up the next meeting with CTSB board.
- From a Spectrum bill, the PEG Capital Fee of \$3.87 to \$4.53 was discussed, as well as potential options to equipment leased by many customers. Are there options available with OEM equipment and should the CAC make that known?
- R. Wood volunteered to write a draft letter to the 5 Town executives re: the need to review and report back to the CAC on each Town's take on the use of poles and conduits as well as Spectrum supplied connections. Chair Miller will review, edit, and send out.
- Five Town Cable Advisory Committee was not held on 6-13-23 due to a lack of a quorum.
- A meeting of the CAC negotiating committee needs to be held before the 7/10/23 negotiating session.

The meeting ended at 2:48pm on a motion by R. Wood, seconded by Chair Miller, and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Rene C. Wood

Sheffield delegate to Five Town Cable Advisory Committee

- Document used at the meeting: Agenda for 6-14-23