

Minutes of the Cable License Renewal Committee Meeting
December 5, 2019
Small Conference Room, Town Hall, 2500 State Highway, Eastham, MA 02642

In attendance, Denise Kopasz, Tricia Ford Carlson, Beverly Hobbs (Chair)
Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM

Discussion of the presentation of the results of the Cable License Renewal Committee presentation to the Select Board.

- Summary of programming on LCCTV, the App, and other ways to access.

- Denise brought up the lack of Cable access at her home, and other homes in her area and in Eastham. She had lost a sale and the person had been going to start a business. The question was how much does this happen in Eastham and how much business do we lose. This is not the purview of the Committee, but there was a short discussion, nonetheless. The lack of Cable in rural areas is a nationwide problem and will not be addressable by the Town of Eastham This is a political issue.

- The FCC is more friendly towards businesses than it is towards Consumers. The numbers for the payments towards the Towns may be lessened. The towns will be losing leverage with the large Cable companies to ask for concessions.

- There are discussions regarding Co-working space which would provide access to high speed internet within the town, this is a partial solution to the above issue, as well as the Library's facility.

There is to be a Public Meeting prior to the contract with Comcast being signed. There was a discussion about what the committee needed to do to prepare for this.

- The contract for Comcast needs to be read to find terms that need to be met. It was agreed that the committee would divide the pages and find the agreed to terms. There was a discount for elderly receiving Medicaid for example.

- Agreement on contacting Jacqui and Laurie. Jacqui had indicated that the public meeting should be part of a regular Select Board Meeting. Denise will check with Jacqui on the format of the Public Meeting. The Bev mentioned that we should complete all steps as soon as possible, so that there are no impediments to the contract being signed. Denise will also find out if Teresa Martin should be at the Public Meeting.

The meeting ended at 6:50 PM

Beverly M. Hobbs

Submitted:

Beverly M. Hobbs, Chair