

MEETING NOTICE

TOWN OF SANDWICH

CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Location: Town Hall, Town Manager's Office, 130 Main St., Sandwich, MA
02563

Date: July 12, 2021

Time: 5:30 PM

AGENDA

1. Convene meeting
2. Approve Minutes of November 16, 2020
3. Ongoing Ascertainment of License Renewal Needs including:
 - a. Review of local programming needs, including local studio capital and operating budget and Institutional Network needs, ascertainment reports and budgets and
 - b. reflecting the foregoing in a draft renewal license;
4. Public Comment as Part of License Renewal Ascertainment of Needs
5. Comcast Cable License Renewal – Strategy
6. Correspondence
7. Other Business Not Reasonably Anticipated
8. Adjournment

Signed: HB Harper

Name (print): Heather B. Harper

Date: 07/08/21

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Cable License Renewal - Update

July 8, 2021

Background

Comcast License Expires - July 27, 2021

Ascertainment – November 7, 2018

Renewal Notice - December 5, 2019

Formal Negotiations (informal process) – January 2020

Next Cable Television Advisory Committee Meeting – Proposed - July 12, 2021

Public Hearing – end of July/Early August

TEAM

Attorney William August

Michael Twomey, IT Director

Cable TV Advisory Committee

Paula Johnson, SCTV

Major Areas of Interest

Financial – % PEG Revenues, Capital Funding

Municipal INET- FCC Ruling Limiting INET Provisions in License Agreements

Customer Service Office

Senior Discount

Other

Current Negotiating Status

- Annual PEG Funding – 5% up .5% from 4.5% in prior license. .5% is for Municipal/School INET
- Capital Funding - \$370,000 (\$292,250 in prior license)
- Senior Discount – Yes in Side Letter
- Customer Service Office – No Plans to Relocate – Will agree to maintain a customer service office in a contiguous Town south of the Cape Cod Canal – will not agree to Sandwich only.
- INET- Separate Agreement for INET
136 Miles – 23 School and Municipal sites supported
\$60,000 per year (offset by .5% new PEG Revenue = \$50,000)
Approximately \$100/Mile below allowable/regulated rates
Flexible - reopener in Years 3-6 and termination at Town discretion
Thorough Investigation of Network – Overseen by IT Director
Evaluated OpenCape and Wireless as alternatives & will continue to look at options