

Danvers Cable Television Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date:01/28/2021

Location: Remote Meeting via Teams

Time: 5:00 pm

Attendees:

Coley Rybicki, Committee Chairman
Bill Bates, Committee Vice Chairman
Bill Nicholson, Member
Steve Prodanas, Member
David Mills, Select Board Liaison
Jen Breaker, Assistant Town Manager

Guests:

Greg Dolan, DCAT Executive Director
William Hewig, Town Cable Attorney

Executive Order on Remote Participation & Remote Conduct for Open Meetings

- Chairman read the remote participation and conduct for open meetings.

Review of Comcast License Renewal Process

- Attorney Hewig reviewed the licensing process that was undertaken last year for the Verizon license.
- Discussion about renewal dates and length of contracts. The committee discussed aligning the Verizon and Comcast license. Hewig indicated that a longer contract may be more beneficial to the Town.
- Committee will review approach for length of license. The committee requested that Attorney Hewig and Greg Dolan offer feedback for length of license. This item will be placed on the next agenda for discussion.

Next Meeting Dates

- February 18 at 5:00 PM
- March 18 at 5:00 PM

New/Old Business:

- Bill Bates requested a status report on live broadcast issue from last year. Greg Dolan reported no issues.
- Bill Nicholson notified the committee that Comcast was going up on prices. Coley echoed the comments and stated the charge seems to be for data and not related to cable.
- Attorney Hewig asked if the Town has been contacted by Comcast yet and who the representative. Greg Franks from Comcast has reached out to the committee. This information will be shared with Attorney Hewig.

Motion to adjourn by Bill Bates at 5:40 PM, seconded by Steve Prodanas.

Approved: